



## Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

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Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

### LMC UK Conference 2023

GP representatives from LMCs across the UK, including 17 members from our 5 LMCs, attended Conference last week on 18-19 May in London. There was a rich debate from GPs on a range of motions on issues affecting General practice. As the UK Conference represents members from the 4 nations, only matters of common interest were discussed and it does not inform national negotiations for the GP contract in England.

There were several significant topics debated including GMC and industrial action, Private Practice, Independent Contractor Status, Primary Care Doctors, GP working schedules, firearms licensing, pay restoration and more.

A motion thanking GMC for confirming they will not act against junior doctors taking industrial action and demanding that the same pledge be extended to GPs, should they also invoke their legal right to take industrial/ coordinated action was unanimously carried. It was confirmed the BMA GPC would have further information to share with members in the coming weeks.

You may have seen in the media over the weekend that LMC GP representatives voted overwhelmingly for the ability to provide private services to NHS patients. Representatives saw this as an opportunity to illustrate the financial pressure on a chronically underfunded General Practice. Therefore, providing chargeable private services to NHS patients is seen to be a viable way to bring in money to fund staff and resources to sustain the future of the profession. Although notable concerns were raised that this could create a two-tier service similar to Dentists.

A motion supporting the independent contractor status of General Practice was overwhelmingly supported and highlighted the significant efficiencies of this model.

You can see the full [Agenda 'Hanging on a thread'](#) and further information [here](#).

The Conference Resolutions will be shared as soon as they are published.

### Freedom to Speak Up Guardian

We have been receiving queries asking who the new Freedom to Speak Up (FTSU) Guardian will be now that Peter Higgins is retiring. The new FTSU guardian will be Faye Tomlinson, LMC Chief Operating Officer: [faye.tomlinson@nwlmcs.org](mailto:faye.tomlinson@nwlmcs.org) / 01772 863806.

Please update your practice policies to reflect this.

### Resources: Helping patients to order their repeat prescriptions through the NHS App

New [posters, leaflets, and digital assets are available to help promote ordering repeat prescriptions through the NHS App](#). Download the toolkit and share the materials with patients. [Find more information and a step-by-step guide here](#).

### Academy Matters - MLCSU IT Training Newsletter - May 2023

Please see the [following the link](#) to the latest Academy Matters IT Training Newsletter for May which includes LPRES ScR – Activation, GPAD Mapping and Appointment Book Webinars and more.





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### Process begins to recruit clinical and care professional leaders for Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB

Five place-based clinical and care professional leadership roles are being advertised as part of Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB's new clinical and care professional leadership framework.

In a letter to clinical and care professionals across Lancashire and South Cumbria, the ICB's medical director, Dr David Levy, describes the work that has taken place to develop the leadership framework over the last year and the recruitment that is taking place, which begins with five place-based clinical and care professional leadership roles.

The recruitment for the system roles is expected to go live this week.

Take a look at the [letter here](#).

Find out more about [the Clinical and Care Professional Leadership model here](#).

### Junior Doctors' and GP Trainees Strike Action – new strike dates announced

The BMA has announced another 72-hour junior doctors strike in England in June after it failed to receive a reasonable offer from the government. Junior doctors will walk out from 7:00am on Wednesday 14 June until 7:00am on Saturday 17 June 2023.

The BMA have [guidance for GP practices](#), which covers everything from managing the impact of strike action on practice work to GP trainee rotas and information on [how GP practices can support GP trainees financially](#).

The BMA have produced a poster which you can display in your practice, a patient information leaflet, and an infographic that can be used on your website, which can be [ordered here](#). The BMA has also published [guidance on strike action for GP trainees](#).

### Do you assess patients with eye movement problems or double vision?

You are invited to [take part in a short survey](#) regarding your experiences with patients complaining of eye movement problems or double vision. The survey will take about 5 minutes to complete. As a thank you, there is the option to be entered into a prize draw with the chance to win a £30 Amazon voucher.

No personal data will be collected, and all responses will be anonymous. Your responses will help understand the methods in use in the UK and highlight areas where development may be useful to you. This research is being conducted as part of a PhD at the University of Sheffield and the outcomes will be reported in a thesis and possibly a future publication.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact [cajukes1@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:cajukes1@sheffield.ac.uk)

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