



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 24th September

Help Us Grow Our Audience

We understand that you are busy and are likely to receive many emails on a daily basis. However it is important for you to receive communications from us because we can help and support you.

We know there are many colleagues who do not receive our brieflet, so please help us by sharing this with your team and letting us know to add them to our distribution lists.

General Practice Alert State (GPAS)

You can see the latest SitRep results below. Results can also be found on our website.

The data we do not receive prevents us from providing a robust picture to system partners and hinders our efforts to push for more support on your behalf.

We really appreciate you taking to the time to help us to help you.

Please let us know if you are a Practice Manager and do not receive the GPAS input emails.

Collating BMA Collection Action Activity

As you will be aware, GP collective action commenced in August. This was on the back of a ballot which gave a very strong mandate for the BMA to proceed with collective action.

Your local LMC representatives are tasked with engaging with you to find out what action you are planning on taking or have already taken as part of the BMA's 10 collective action options. You may be asked to complete a table with your feedback to assist with this exercise.

We kindly ask that you complete one table per Practice. Please note that this response will be kept completely anonymous and it is purely for the purposes of understanding what collective action practices might be carrying out at present.

It is important to state that we are not pressuring you on these actions and we ask that you undertake only what you feel you can manage within your practice.

We will use the anonymous data to inform practices/PCNs of the action that is ongoing in that particular patch.

Please find your local LMC Representatives here or get in touch with your Executive Lead:

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Central Lancashire - Jessica.Tomlinson@nwlmc.org

Lancashire Coastal - Toni.Parker@nwlmc.org

North Cumbria - Mikaela.George@nwlmc.org

Morecambe Bay - Abigail.Askew@nwlmc.org

Thank you to those Practices who have submitted their responses already. Early feedback from our collective action evidence gathering to date would indicate that having a template (see here) would be useful for not using the standard referral letters.

Compassionate Leadership Coaching - Lancashire and South Cumbria only

This is a reminder that the LMC have commissioned Amanda Super Consulting Ltd to deliver Compassionate Leadership to practices across Lancashire & South Cumbria, as part of the resilience monies we have been awarded by the ICB. There are currently two elements that will be delivered: The Compassionate Leadership Coaching Programme and Introduction to Compassionate Leadership Workshops.

The Coaching Programmes are available via an application process to GPs and Practice Managers and the Workshops are accessible to Assistant Practice Managers, Reception Managers, Clerical Managers, Nurse Managers etc.

Please note the below closing dates for applications:

Central Lancashire: 30th September 2024

Lancashire Pennine - 7th October 2024

Morecambe Bay - 14th October 2024

Lancashire Coastal applications have now closed.

GPs and PMs should have received an email directly regarding the two Compassionate Leadership courses but if you haven't, would like further information, or would like to apply please email Rebecca.Noble@nwlmc.org

Rollout of the Medical Examiner System in England

In England, the statutory implementation of the Medical Examiner System has taken place.

Independent scrutiny by a Medical Examiner is now a statutory requirement prior to the registration of all non-coronial deaths. Information from the Department of Health and Social Care is here.

For more wider information on the Medical Examiner system please contact the BMA.

DDRB Report 2024/25: Implications for General Practice

The Government accepted the recommendations of the 52nd DDRB (Doctors and Dentists Pay Review Body) Report, and for the first time since 2018/19 the DDRB made recommendations in relation to both GP contractors/partners and salaried colleagues. NHS England/DHSC have now finalised how the DDRB Award of 6% for Contractors will be implemented, and practices should receive backdated sums to April 2024 in this month's pay run from ICBs.

The aggregate rise in the 2024/25 GS (Global Sum) payment per weighted patient will be 7.4% resulting in a new GS payment per weighted patient of £112.50 – an increase of £7.77 compared to 2023/24. The OOHs deduction remains at 4.75% and in absolute terms this will change from £4.97 to £5.34, aligning with the total uplift of 7.4%.

The value of each QOF point in 2024/25 will therefore be £220.62 compared with £213.43 in 2023/24 (an increase of 3.4%). The DDRB has also recommended a 6% increase to GP sessional

colleagues' salary scales from 1 April 2024. GPC England has drafted a Focus On document which includes:

- What uplift the DDRB has recommended this year
- The mechanisms used to apply it to the Global Sum
- How this affects the Global Sum payment per weighted patient and why not every practice always gets enough to pass on the full pay uplift to their practice-employed staff.

Pancreatic Cancer Learning Event Analysis and Lung Cancer Referral Audit : Practice Participation and Funding Opportunity - Lancashire and South Cumbria only

Lancashire & South Cumbria Cancer Alliance are supporting GP Practices in fulfilling the requirements of the PCN DES requirements through two important projects; a Learning Event Analysis on pancreatic cancer diagnoses and an audit of lung cancer referrals. These initiatives will help practices review their referral processes and outcomes, allowing them to identify key themes and valuable learning points.

They are pleased to announce that funding is available for participating practices, with the amount awarded based on the level of activity undertaken.

EMIS searches, collection tools and submission processes have been developed to guide practices alongside dedicate support from the Cancer Alliance.

If you wish to submit an Expression of Interest please complete the form on the link below. If you have any questions please contact Angela.dunne2@nhs.net

[Expression of Interest Form](#)

National Community Diagnostic Centres - Lancashire and South Cumbria only

The National Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC) Programme is now in its third year and has approved 170 CDC sites across England, of which 8 are now operational in Lancashire and South Cumbria.

Operated by local NHS Provider Trusts, over 350,000 tests, checks and scans have been delivered to date across Lancashire and South Cumbria.

CDCs offer patients a wide range of diagnostic tests often closer to home and greater choice on where and how they are undertaken, enabling an accurate and fast diagnosis on a range of clinical pathways and reducing the need for hospital visits.

You can download a printable copy [here](#).

When a patient is referred for diagnostic tests by their primary care professional or hospital service, an appointment will be allocated at their chosen, most convenient location.

If you have any comments or requests for additional information, please email sally.davies@elht.nhs.uk

CQC Survey

You may have seen the update from Kate Terroni, CQC CEO from 30th August. CQC are endeavouring to provide a hand book of information regarding the Single Assessment Framework

and are offering to co-design the handbook with General Practice. This is an opportunity for you to contribute to improving the CQC process.

The survey takes less than 5 minutes to complete and is available to view [here](#).

Academy Matters - MLCSU IT Training Newsletter - September 2024

Please see the most recent MLCSU IT training newsletter: September 2024 - MLCSU Academy (midlandsandlancashirecsu.nhs.uk)

Research Opportunity

Are you a qualified GP who is practising in the United Kingdom?

We are looking for qualified GPs who would be willing to participate in a research project exploring your perceptions on how to improve accessibility to medications for children and young people with long term conditions in primary care.

Do you have 25-30 minutes to take part in a semi-structured interview over Teams or on the phone?

If so, please contact Olivia Mina (ucnvoma@ucl.ac.uk)

LMC Training Events

Please see a list of upcoming training events being hosted by the LMC:

- Complaints Training
- Managing Poor Employee Performance
- CQC Update
- Change Management
- Conflict Management
- Sickness Management

To book your place or find out more information, please contact Rebecca.Noblett@nwlmc.org

LMC Vacancies

2 out of our 5 Committees have seats available for GP representation:

- North Cumbria - 2 seats available
- Central Lancashire - 3 seats available

We are keen to hear from GPs, including GP Registrars/ Trainees, who may wish to get involved to represent your constituents. Please let us know if you are interested in being a LMC member or would like to find out more.