



# Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 24<sup>TH</sup> October

## Help us grow our audience - LMC Distribution list

We would like to grow our LMC audience. If you know any GPs or PMs in your practice that don't receive this Brieflet and/or is not on our distribution list, please ask them to [get in touch with us!](#)

## Lancashire County Council Contraception Contract Variation

Following our previous communication to practices in the Brieflet dated 26th September, the LMC have now met with colleagues from Lancashire County Council (LCC) to discuss their proposed changes to the contraception contract. It was confirmed at this meeting there is a decrease in fees for practices offering contraception services to patients outside of their practice but this is being offset by the rise in fees for services undertaken for practices' own patients. They have also confirmed that there is now a fee attached for removal of implants, where previously there hadn't been, which should also offset any reduction to income from external patients.

There was an acknowledgement that LCC are hoping the increase in fees will attract more practices to offer this service to their patients and noted that there is free training available in support of this, which both GPs and Practice Nurses can attend. However, if individual practices have a noticeable reduction to their income, then please [contact the LMC](#) so we can flag this with LCC directly.

## LMC Practice Manager Meeting

Following the success and feedback of the first five Practice Manager meetings, we have decided to organise a final one to ensure those who missed out get the chance to attend.

As a recap, this is an opportunity for you to meet with both your new Chief Executive, Adam Janjua and Chief Operating Officer, Faye Tomlinson. We are keen to meet with you to discuss issues relating to General Practice pressures and to talk to you about some new initiatives that we would like your help with including:

- General Practice Alert System (GPAS)
- Cost Improvement Plans
- Practice financial viability indicator

The mop up session will be taking place on 2nd November 2pm – 3pm via Teams and the link to join will be sent out shortly.

Places are limited as we would like to have a manageable meeting with valuable interactions, therefore, please can you [confirm your attendance by 30th October.](#)

## Employment Liability Insurance – LMC – ALS Albion Ltd

The [LMC website has been updated](#) and includes our new HR insurance proposal for practices across Lancashire and Cumbria.





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## Sessional GP Survey

We have created a survey with Dr Suzanne Gaskell, Chair of the Lancashire & Cumbria Sessional GP Forum, to gather ideas and to improve our future meetings.

If you are a Sessional GP in Lancashire & Cumbria, we would appreciate if you could please complete the [following survey which should take no longer than 10 minutes.](#)

## Managing inappropriate workload/ LMC templates

The LMC has a suite of templates to help you manage inappropriate workload. Please see [our website](#) for more information.

If there are any templates you would like us to create please let us know.

## Joint letter on online records access for survivors of domestic abuse

The BMA have issued a joint letter around their long-held concerns over records access for patients who are vulnerable or in coercive relationships. They had an excellent meeting with Refuge and they aligned with BMA views on this.

The letter can be [found here.](#) You can also find the [BMA press release here.](#)

The BMA will be in further touch with NHSE and DHSC on this and will use the joint letter to further pressurise them about this worrying aspect of the programme roll out.

## LMC Soapboxes

The LMC hosts monthly 1 hour drop-in sessions via Microsoft Teams for all Practice Managers and GPs across Lancashire & Cumbria.

The LMC soapbox is an opportunity for you to raise anything with your LMC, meet your representatives, hear about the services we can provide but most importantly, we would like to hear from you and how we can support you!

You are welcome to dip in and out - There is no requirement to stay the full hour and you are welcome to just listen.

You will receive posters via email with details of how to join the Soapbox for your area. Upcoming Soapbox's:

- Morecambe Bay: 2nd November
- Fylde Coast: 3rd November
- Cumbria: 21st November
- Central Lancs: TBC
- Pennine: TBC

Please [let us know](#) if you have any questions!





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### Rebuild General Practice Roadshow - GP expressions of interest

We are really excited to announce that our LMC has been chosen to host a Rebuild General Practice Roadshow! The aim of the roadshows are to identify promising GP advocates, support local GPs to take a more direct role in advocating for the future of the profession and to help foster a sense of unity within the profession.

Our LMC will work with the Rebuild General Practice team to host the roadshow, inviting GPs from across the Northwest who have an existing influence or an inclination to become public activists on behalf of the profession. There is no further commitment required other than to attend the meeting and keep an open mind regarding advocating for the profession in the future.

We are looking to select 10 GPs from across Lancashire & Cumbria to attend the roadshow which will take place on the 9th November, at the Marriott Hotel in Preston, 1-4pm. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

If you would like to be considered as one of our delegates or if you want to know more [please get in touch](#).

You can also visit the [Rebuild General Practice website](#) for information on the work they have done so far.

### The Cameron fund - Christmas Appeal 2023

[The Cameron Fund](#) is the GPs' own charity. It is the only medical benevolent fund that solely supports general practitioners and their dependents.

The Cameron Fund rely heavily on Local Medical Committees, medical organisations and individual GPs for donations. Applications for assistance continue to increase and in the first six months of 2023 the awarded grants totaling £235,000 – 93% higher than in the same period last year. However, while the number of applications is growing, the number of donations they receive has decreased. This year they are facing a deficit of income over expenditure. Trustees have agreed to use some reserves and are now taking the unprecedented step of considering whether to limit the amount of support they can give applicants. Therefore the Cameron Fund have sent an urgent appeal for donations.

Our 5 Local Medical Committees donate to the fund every Christmas.

If you would like to make a donation please [visit their website](#). They also accept donations made directly into the Fund's Account (CAF Bank Sort Code 40 52 40, Account Number 00015215) or by cheque if you prefer.

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

[Please see the MLCSU IT Training monthly newsletter here.](#)





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Employment Law Update - Please email [Rebecca](mailto:Rebecca) to book on

**FREETHS**  
**EMPLOYMENT  
LAW UPDATE**

This is our FREE annual event for Practice Managers delivered by Freeths Employment Law specialists in conjunction with the LMC HR team.

30 November 2023  
 2pm - 4:30pm  
 Microsoft Teams

**The below topics will be covered:**

- Flexible Working
- Holiday Pay
- Fit Notes
- Sharing Staff
- TUPE

There will be opportunity to ask questions.

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The LMC offers a bespoke Partnership Agreement Drafting Services for our Practices across Lancashire & Cumbria.

We are partnered up with a specialist law firm led by a legally qualified team who specialise in partnership and contract law to ensure legal accuracy.

Having an up to date partnership agreement in place protects you as an individual and your practice, identifying responsibilities and obligations of partners at a practice. It is a vitally important document which should be agreed in advance with any incoming partner.

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