



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 25th June

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!](#)

General Practice Alert State (GPAS)

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

You can see the national GPAS SITREP here.

The data we receive from you helps us gather a true picture of the pressures practices are under in Lancashire and Cumbria and provide this as evidence when liaising with system partners.

When completing the GPAS form please ensure that you are inputting the correct numbers to avoid incorrect data and please do continue to keep us updated on a weekly basis. 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.

LMC Celebratory Ball

Please email enquiries@nwlmc.org to book your tickets today!

GPCE Roadshow Update

Colleagues from across the Consortium patch joined LMC members to hear from Dr David Wrigley and Dr Samira Anane at face to face roadshow events in Preston and Carlisle last week. At these sessions, we heard direct from GPC what options are available to practices in terms of collective action and they received feedback on what practices felt this would mean for them and their patients.

In the coming weeks you will hear more from the LMCs in each area as we look to RAG rate the options available within the local context you are working in.

Some practices, we know, have already implemented Safeworking in general practice (bma.org.uk) and there are other initiatives we are working on for you in the short term before collective action commences nationally in the summer.

What was clear from GPC colleagues addressing colleagues locally was there are no steps being suggested that should risk contract breaches or punitive action from CQC, GMC or NHSE Professional Standards teams.

The BMA have also released a Protect your patients, protect your GP practice campaign regarding the GPC England non-statutory ballot which is now open until 29th July, midday. If you are missing your ballot voting email, please visit [Ballot voting emails - Contracts - BMA](#).



RMC Review - GP Survey

Across Lancashire and South Cumbria (L&SC), there are considerable differences in the way patient choice is offered and how e-RS referrals are processed and managed.

Referral management operating model across the Fylde Coast and Central Lancs is via a Referral Management Centre (RMC) which is delivered by Midlands & Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (MLCSU). Currently, this supports all practices within these localities in relation to the receipt, processing and booking of referrals.

They would like to hear your views about the NHS e-Referral process that is in operation in your GP Practice, and how the referral is processed within your teams.

The questionnaire should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

Please find the questionnaire [here](#).

RCGP - Physician Associates

The RCGP has published the results of their member survey on the role of Physician Associates (PAs) in General Practice. The survey takes forward the decision of their UK Council to conduct a member consultation and to use this to inform the production of College guidance on this subject.

You can find the results [here](#).

LMC Vacancies

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

- North Cumbria - 3 seats available
- Central Lancashire - 3 seats available
- Morecambe Bay - 1 seat 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.