



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 27th August

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 provides us with 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 WhatsApp Groups

Are you signed up to the LMC WhatsApp groups? If not, please get in touch to be added. Vital information is cascaded regarding Collective Action and other pressing issues.

Please contact your executive lead with your phone number to be added:

Lancashire Coastal - Toni.Parker@nwlmc.org

Lancashire Pennine - Ross.McDuff@nwlmc.org

Central Lancashire - Jessica.Tomlinson@nwlmc.org

Cumbria - Mikaela.George@nwlmc.org

Morecambe Bay - Abigail.Askew@nwlmc.org

Practice Finance Survey – Summer 2024

The BMA are inviting practices in England to complete their Practice Finance survey. The aim is to build evidence for the GPC England team to support the annual contract negotiations.

We appreciate how hard the past few months have been for GP contractors and their managers. This is your opportunity to feed into an evidence base demonstrating the impact of inflation and rising costs, over the last couple of years, on GP practices across England.

Please ensure the survey link is cascaded to your Practice Manager so that they can complete the survey. The survey will be close at 9am, Tuesday 17 September.



The BMA recommends that respondents have relevant information to hand before starting the survey: they will need GP practice accounts for 2022/23 and 2023/24, expenditure data for April 2023 and April 2024, and information on staff numbers and practice list size.

Survey link: <https://www.research.net/r/H9CYXCP>

2024/25 practice funding increase for pay uplifts - Implications for General Practice

NHS England and the Department of Health and Social Care have finalised how the national practice contract baseline funding – ‘Global Sum’ – will be uplifted for 2024/25 following the DDRB’s recommendation for a 6% uplift to the pay element of contracts (GP contractors / partners) and the salaried GP pay range. For more details, read the letter from Dr Julius Parker, GPCE Deputy Chair.

DHSC announcement to expand the ARR Scheme to include GPs

GPC England, Sessional GPs Committee and GP Registrars Committee have written a letter to the Secretary of State for Health, Wes Streeting, about our concerns over the DHSC announcement to expand the Additional Roles Reimbursement Scheme (ARRS) to include GPs, and how the expansion can be best implemented and possible long-term alternatives.

The BMA expressed concerns that providing this funding at PCN level does not provide GPs and patients with the desperately needed stability required, and instead suggested that it would be far more effective to provide this funding at a practice level, helping to address GP unemployment in the places most severely affected. In the long-term, GP contract funding must be increased so practices have full control over who they recruit to best serve their patients’ needs without the need for additional schemes like ARRS.

BMA Sessional GP conference 2024: diversity, opportunity, safety

The BMA conference for Sessional GPs is happening at BMA House and online on 20th September. It’s free for members, but non-members can also attend. This event will give you information and updates on topical issues including future models of general practice and establishing professional relationships with new clinical roles such as ARRS staff and PAs. Breakout groups will provide practical advice and guidance on a choice of topics in smaller groups. Check out the details of the day and register your place here.

GP Local Action Tracker Survey- 26 Aug - 1 Sept

The local action tracker survey for Monday, 19th to Sunday, 25th August can be found here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BMA_GP_Action_Tracking_26stAug-1stSept

Please ensure that only one staff member per practice responds to the survey on behalf of the practice by 5pm on Sunday, 25th August.

The data collected will then be used to monitor the participation with the different types of action across the country, and as a lobbying tool to demonstrate the level of participation in collective action.

Please be assured, that no identifiable data will be created as a result of this survey.

Following the overwhelming YES vote in our ballot practices are beginning to take action – the range of actions are all detailed on the toolkit menu on the BMA website. Each action is safe, effective, sustainable and clear, and it is up to each practice to choose which actions to take, and when.

Partnership Agreement Drafting Service

As you will be aware, the LMC has offered a partnership agreement drafting service for over 4 years now and we have worked with a specialist law firm to draft bespoke agreements for many practices across the patch, receiving really positive feedback regarding the service.

Abi Askew who leads on the partnership agreement drafting service will be going on maternity leave in November so we wanted to let practices know in advance that if you require an agreement to please get in touch as soon as possible as the service will be temporarily paused for the duration of Abi's maternity leave.

If you would like to know more information about what we can offer and our pricing then please contact Abi on Abigail.askew@nwlmc.org

For those practices who are currently in the drafting process, all agreements will be finalised/signed off before Abi finishes.

LMC Soapboxes

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

The 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:

- Lancashire Coastal - October - TBC
- Cumbria - Tuesday 17th September - 12:30 - 1:30pm
- Pennine Lancashire – 17th September 1pm - 2pm
- Central Lancashire - 10th September 1pm - 2pm
- Morecambe Bay - 5th September 12:30pm - 1:30pm

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.