



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 28th April

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)

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UK LMC Conference

The UK LMC Conference was held on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th May at the Celtic Manor, Newport, Wales. As it was a UK conference, the motions that were debated were applicable to all four nations and included:

- The state of the NHS and safe workload
- Clinical prescribing and dispensing
- Sessionals and portfolio ways of working
- Funding
- Continuity of Care
- Managing expectations
- Digital, technology & data
- Premises

There was also a major issue debate on the GP workforce crisis and speakers were asked to consider what difficult workforce decisions they will be forced to make as GP contractors in order to keep their practices afloat; how we support salaried GPs who are facing redundancy and locums/OOH GPs who cannot find work; what positive examples of recruitment and retention initiatives have been seen in their areas.

On day 2 of the conference the Chair of GPC England, Dr Katie Bramhall-Stainer, gave a very impassioned speech on motion 28: That conference wishes for our governments to offer GMS contracts that have been agreed by negotiation and:



(i) demands that a GMS contract amendment can only be imposed on general practice at times of national emergency and not when negotiations prove difficult

(ii) believes that UK governments have failed to provide the necessary investment to ensure the survival of GMS

(iii) believes that being prepared to walk away may be more effective than industrial action

(iv) mandates the GPCs to develop viable alternatives to GMS, including actively supporting GP practices to work outside the NHS

(v) empowers the GPCs to use the threat of mass resignation to improve the NHS offer to practices.

She spoke very passionately about the reduction of GPs in the workforce compared to the increase in patients; the “toxic oxymoron” of thousands of GPs out of work in a workforce crisis; DDRB and what uplift is needed compared to what potentially may be awarded; the impact of a change in government; and the consideration of mass resignation and the importance of a strategic and sequenced plan. Concluding her speech, she stated “We have got to protect our practices, to protect our patients. We have got to take action now to save general practice. The time is now!”

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GPCE/LMC Roadshows

Dr Samira Anane and Dr David Wrigley will be hosting roadshows in Preston and Carlisle. The event will be free to attend and be taking place on Thursday 20th June. Please find below posters which includes further details. If you would like to attend please let [Rebecca](#) know.

Academy Matters - MLCSU IT Training Newsletter - May 2024

Please see the most recent MLCSU IT training newsletter: [May 2024 - MLCSU Academy \(midlandsandlancashirecsu.nhs.uk\)](#)

LMC Vacancies

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

- Lancashire Coastal - Please contact [Toni Parker](#) for further information.
- North Cumbria - 2 seats available
- Central Lancashire - 2 seats available
- Morecambe Bay - 2 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.