



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 28th July 2026

Clinical Waste Collections

The LMC is extremely concerned by information received from member practices regarding ongoing failures by the current clinical waste provider to deliver a safe, reliable and consistent collection service. Despite repeated escalation of missed collections, and clear evidence of widespread service failures, practices continue to experience delays and missed collections. This is placing an unacceptable burden on GP practices, who are being left without the expected collection service and having to manage increasing volumes of clinical waste on site while awaiting resolution from the provider.

The LMC recognises that practices are working hard to manage these circumstances appropriately; however, the continued failure of the contracted provider to deliver the required service raises serious concerns about the reliability, responsiveness and safety of the current arrangements.

The LMC has formally written to the ICB requesting an urgent review and immediate action to ensure GP practices receive the safe, compliant and dependable clinical waste collection service they require.

Collective Action for practices in July – Refusing new requests for Shared Care

Please see our recent Newsflash regarding [GP COLLECTIVE ACTION: SHARED CARE - JULY 2026](#).

Advice specific to North Cumbria and the Medicines LES will be circulated.

The BMA is asking practices to [refuse all new requests for shared care](#) where arrangements are not appropriately resourced, clinically safe, or supported by clear formal agreements. Practices are also encouraged to review existing shared care arrangements to ensure responsibilities, prescribing, monitoring and recall processes remain robust.

Taking part in this collective action is lawful.

This month's action: The BMA is encouraging practices to [write to their local MP](#) ahead of the summer parliamentary recess using its online letter-writing tool. Practices will also shortly receive campaign [posters](#) encouraging patients to support the BMA's [open letter](#) calling for increased investment in general practice.

Resources:

[Action on Shared Care Responsibilities for new patients in General Practice](#)

[Template Practice Letter to MPs about the Future of General Practice](#)

[Patient Resources and Practice Campaign Materials](#)

[Principles for Shared Care Prescribing](#)





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PhD research into Entrepreneurial Leadership in GP Practice Managers

We have been contacted by Ellie Fowler, a PhD student at Lancaster University and former GP Practice Manager, who previously worked as an LMC Professional Associate for the LMC.

Please see below message from Ellie Fowler:

Hello

Thank you so much for considering taking part in my PhD research – as a former GP Practice Manager myself, I understand how little time you have so your support is really appreciated.

For my research I am exploring GP Practice Managers experience of entrepreneurial leadership and innovation, particularly in light of all the regulation you have to navigate. I am hoping that my research will help support Practice Managers find ways to be more entrepreneurial and innovative and share good practice and learning.

Whatever your experiences, I would love the opportunity to have an informal, online conversation with you to explore this topic in a bit more detail – our discussion would take approximately an hour, and it would be of great value to my research.

If you were interested and able to participate then please click on the booking link below to arrange a suitable date and time:

[Book time with Ellie Fowler: PhD Research Interview with Ellie Fowler](#)

Thank you so much for your support and time – I really do appreciate it.

Best wishes

Ellie

ADHD Survey (Lancs & South Cumbria)

Earlier this year, Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB held workshops with people who have lived experience of ADHD to help shape future service improvements. The ICB is now seeking feedback on these proposed changes through a survey.

The survey covers the ADHD journey, potential support improvements, and demographic information.

Complete the survey: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/t/ADHDadult/>

Practices are encouraged to share the survey with patients, service users, carers, and anyone with lived experience of ADHD who would like to have their say.

 **Academy Matters - ML IT Training Newsletter - July 2026**

[See the monthly newsletter here.](#)





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Early Cancer Diagnosis Webinar – Recording Now Available

Lancashire and South Cumbria Cancer Alliance have recently hosted a webinar to support PCNs and practices on the requirements of the cancer early diagnosis aspects of the 2026/27 Network Contract DES.

You can view a recording of the webinar here: [PCN DES – Early Cancer Diagnosis Webinar Recording \(14th July 2026\)](#)

The webinar covered:

- Use of data, including how to access the new Cancer Early Diagnosis Dashboard
- Reviewing the quality of cancer referral practice
- Safety Netting practice
- Improving screening uptake and supporting uptake of the NHS Lung Cancer Screening programme
- Additional resources and support that can be accessed

If you have any questions or would like further support, please contact the Cancer Alliance Early Diagnosis team at lscicb.earlydiagnosis@nhs.net

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Share your experience, support your peers





Are you an experienced Practice Manager who is passionate about supporting colleagues and strengthening general practice?

Lancashire & South Cumbria LMC is looking to expand its team of Professional Associates to provide peer support, mentoring, and practice development across our constituent practices.

As a Professional Associate, you will use your knowledge and experience to support Practice Managers through peer reviews, personal development planning, mentoring, buddying and improvement programmes, helping colleagues develop their skills and confidence while contributing to the continuous improvement of general practice.





Support is provided on a flexible, paid basis, with work commissioned by the LMC and aligned to agreed objectives.



If you would like to make a positive difference to fellow Practice Managers while developing your own professional portfolio, please contact Toni Parker, Enhanced Training & Development Lead at Toni.parker@nwlmc.org

