



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

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Message from the CEO

Dear colleagues,

There is a growing sense across general practice that we are being pulled in every direction at once - and often in contradictory ones. Now is not a time to let your guard down.

Demand continues to rise, with expectations of rapid access, near-continuous online responsiveness, and an always-on front door to the NHS. At the same time, workforce capacity, funding, and infrastructure are not rising in step. The result is a system that increasingly relies on general practice to absorb pressure rather than resolve it upstream (where it belongs).

Financially, practices are feeling the squeeze from all sides: rising staffing costs driven by national wage pressures, widening employer liabilities, and near-static core funding. In many places, the traditional balance within the partnership model is becoming harder to sustain, with pay structures compressing in ways that would previously have been unthinkable.

Alongside this, workload continues to drift into general practice: hospital follow-ups, investigations, prescribing gaps, administrative closure of care pathways, all landing locally, often without resource or redesign. GPs are increasingly acting as the system's safety net, regardless of where the problem originates.

Meanwhile, restructuring at system level is constant, but clarity is not always improved. Many practices are left dealing with the operational consequences of reforms while still trying to deliver continuity, safety, and care in real time. And through it all, patient expectations rise, complaints increase, and staff are too often left managing frustration that belongs to a wider system under strain.

It leaves a growing question hanging in the air: when so many parts of the system rely so heavily on general practice, why does it so often feel like it is the easiest place to place pressure, rather than the first place to invest in stability?

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Despite this, general practice continues to hold. It adapts, absorbs, and delivers. But resilience is not infinite, and goodwill is not a strategy. The task ahead is simple to say, harder to achieve: a fairer balance between what is asked of general practice, and what is properly resourced within it.

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CEO





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FP69 Financial Impact Briefing – Please Share Widely

[Attached is a new briefing from the LMC Support Network, "Counting the Cost", which highlights the significant financial impact that the national FP69 patient list validation exercise is having on GP practices across England.](#)

The report outlines the scale of funding being lost by practices, the wider impact on services, and the concerns being raised by practices and Local Medical Committees about the current process. The findings reinforce the urgent need for greater transparency, safeguards for vulnerable patients, and a review of the current approach.

We will also be sharing this report with local media to help raise awareness of the serious financial consequences for general practice. The more widely this briefing is circulated, the greater the opportunity to highlight the impact on practices and ensure that this issue receives the attention it deserves.

Please take a few moments to [read the report](#) and share it with colleagues and your networks wherever possible. Your support will help amplify the message and strengthen the collective voice of general practice.

Collective action for practices in June

[From 1 June, BMA GPC are urging GP partnerships and practices across England to take part in a further collective action](#), as the Government remains unwilling to agree to the mitigations the profession needs.

During June, the BMA GPC are asking practices to remove or ignore any non-contractual medicines optimisation software and amend your choices of acute prescription, which may fall outside the remit of the ICB formulary.

This may include, for example, issuing a branded or liquid formulation that may still be a perfectly acceptable and justifiable choice for the care of the patient in front of you in the consultation.

Taking part in this action is lawful.

Read the BMA [Focus on guidance on Switching off medicines optimisation software](#)

You may have kept medicine optimisation software switched off since it was part of the 2024 collective action so focus on your acute prescribing choices. Ensure safe prescribing decisions are determined by you, rather than driven by the financial imperatives of the DHSC which is refusing to amend the undeliverable imposed 2026/27 GMS contract.

Prescribe whatever may be in the best interests of your patient in line with GMC guidance. Your patients will see minimal impact and will receive a prescription appropriate for their clinical presentation. The impacts on ICB prescribing budgets will be dwarfed by Acute Trust overspend, which is perpetually 'written off' by Government.

[Access BMA resources to help you understand the need to take part in this collective action](#)





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GPs and practice managers: help shape the future of health data policy

The Department of Health and Social Care is running a national engagement programme to understand the views of individual GPs and practice managers on how patient data is used — for individual care, the planning and commissioning of NHS services and health-related research.

This is an opportunity for GP and practice manager voices to influence decisions at a national level that will shape how patient data is used in the future. The engagement is designed to fit around busy clinical schedules, with flexible ways to get involved — from a 10-minute survey to a series of workshops with a small core group of peers.

Learn more and share your views in a brief survey at

<https://dataengagement.kscopehealth.org.uk/>

LMC Vacancies

Three of our five Committees currently have seats available for GP representation:

- Lancashire Coastal LMC: several vacancies available
- Central Lancashire LMC: 2 vacancies available (1 for Greater Preston & 1 for Chorley & South Ribble)
- Lancashire Pennine LMC: 1 vacancy available (Rossendale)

Please let us know if you are interested in being a LMC member or would [like to find out more](#).

[You can find your LMC representatives on our website here.](#)

