



## Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

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Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July

### Help Us Grow Our Audience

We understand that you are busy and are likely to receive many emails on a daily basis. However it is important for you to receive communications from us because we can help and support you.

We know there are many colleagues who do not receive our brieflet, so please help us by sharing this with your team and letting us know to add them to our distribution lists.

### 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.

### GPC England Non-Statutory Ballot

As you may be aware the non-statutory ballot to protect our practices has now closed. Thank you to everyone who voted to show they are ready to stand up for a better service for your patients.

The ballot result is being made ready by Civica, who handled the ballot on GPCEs behalf, and will be announced soon with more information regarding next steps.

WhatsApp groups have been set up in each area by the LMC to discuss any updates. If you are not part of a WhatsApp group and would like to be, please get in touch.

### BMA Response to DDRB Recommendations

The BMA have now responded to the recommendations from the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration (DDRB), and the Government announcement that these will be accepted in full.

Dr Katie Bramall-Stainer, BMA GP Committee in England Chair, said: "Today's uplift is a step in the right direction, but practice funding today even with this uplift, is not even close to

that it was five years ago. Our concern is that this will come as a blow to many GP Partners who have been trying to make every last penny stretch.”

You can read the article in full [here](#).

### **LMC Response to Unhelpful Local Media Coverage**

We were made aware in the last week that the Lancashire Telegraph and subsequently the Westmorland Gazette (for Cumbria) have both posted articles on the "best and worst GP practices" based on recently published patient satisfaction data.

As we know this data is extrapolated from a very small sample size and is not wholly reflective of the patient experience. Additionally, both articles make no attempt to provide context to the plight of General Practice and the wider NHS and have the potential to put practices in a difficult position with their patients.

As we have done previously, we have written to both publications to express our dissatisfaction with this type of reporting and the way in which these articles are presented, particularly on social media - inciting people to criticise General Practice.

We have offered to talk to local reporters to highlight some of the issues faced by the profession in the hope that they will add context to their very insensitive reporting. If you come across more articles of this nature, please get in touch.

### **Managing Inappropriate Workload**

We have recently updated the 'Managing Inappropriate Workload' guidance on our website. Here you will find useful templates, letters and resources relating to Schools, Secondary Care, Private Work and much more.

[Managing Inappropriate Workload Guidance](#)

### **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 - 14th August 12:30pm - 1:30pm
- Cumbria - Tuesday 17th September - 12:30 - 1:30pm
- Pennine Lancashire - 3rd September 1pm - 2pm
- Central Lancashire - 10th September 1pm - 2pm

- Morecambe Bay - 1st August 12:30pm - 1pm (Please note that due to a clash with the ICB Big Conversation event on 1st August, we will be running our usual one hour soapbox session for 30 minutes instead so please feel free to drop in anytime between 12.30pm – 1pm if you have anything specific you would like to raise with the LMC.)

### **LMC Celebratory Ball**

Please ensure you are reserving your tickets today, numbers are limited!

Please feel free to print a copy of the poster here to display in your Practice.

### **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.

