



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

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Social Media and Website Comments

The LMC receives queries from practices on how to manage social media issues. We have updated our [website](#) to include a page providing guidance on what to consider together with links to good practice and further guidance, so that practices can develop their own social media policies.

LG digitisation - Process for destruction of empty scanned envelope – [Please see attached](#)

BMA launches pensions tool for GPs to help navigate unfair inflation calculations

The increase in inflation may affect the way in which pensions are calculated, which will have tax implications. The BMA has published a tool to help you work out pension implications:

- [BMA launches pensions tool for GPs to help navigate unfair inflation calculations](#)
- [CPI modeller for GP pension scheme](#)

NHS numbers for people coming to the UK from Ukraine

NHSE wanted to confirm that people coming to the UK from Ukraine will already have an NHS number as these flow from the visa process. Please ensure you search for an existing NHS number e.g., at the point of GP registration, taking care when translating names from Cyrillic to English text.

There may be some exceptions, due the circumstances of an individual's arrival in the UK, where a new NHS number needs to be requested.

Tell us how you are – primary care wellbeing survey

[The latest NHS wellbeing survey is now open for all staff working across primary care.](#) The survey takes around 15 minutes to complete - please complete the survey to let NHS know how they can further support you and your teams.

Primary Medical Care Policy and Guidance Manual (PGM)

The [Primary Medical Care Policy and Guidance Manual \(PGM\) \(V4\)](#) has been updated. There is acknowledgement to Integrated Care Boards taking on delegated commissioning and essential updates aligned with current regulations and further consolidation of existing policies. There are new chapters provision of occupation health service funded by the practice, registering civil servants and their dependents, registering dependents of members of the armed forces returning from overseas postings.





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Asthma quality improvement toolkit

An [Asthma Quality Improvement Toolkit](#) has been produced which integrates high quality and low carbon asthma care and will enable practices to safely and effectively achieve the respiratory IIF indicators. It contains educational videos and step-by-step quality improvement projects including downloadable searches for EMIS and System One practices, asthma templates and pre-written patient communication material.

Practices are encouraged to use this toolkit and CCGs/ICSs to prioritise education on high quality and low carbon asthma care (or better and greener asthma care) as part of their primary care learning programme.

Complete the Data Security and Protection Toolkit

General practice are asked to please submit your annual [Data Security and Protection Toolkit](#) (DSPT) online assessment by 30 June 2022 to provide assurance you are practising good data security and handling personal NHS information correctly. More information about what you need to do can be found on the [DSPT website](#).

Enhanced health in care homes animation

A [newly updated animation](#) explores how multidisciplinary teams might work together to improve the health of residents, and work with them to plan their proactive and personalised care [as part of the Enhanced Health in Care Homes service](#). Seen through the story of Magdalena and her daughter, the animation shows how health and social care professionals work together in a multidisciplinary team, highlighting the various roles they play, and how, together, they help ensure that residents receive the additional care they need.

HEE launches new career framework to boost primary care nursing

Career progression for nurses in general practice is the focus of a revised [General Practice Nursing Education and Career Framework](#) which aims to support their changing role in primary care.

The framework was developed by Health Education England (HEE) and Skills for Health and was commissioned by NHS England and Improvement. The work was commissioned as part of the GPN Ten Point Plan to develop confidence, capability, and capacity for general practice nurses.

The Core Capabilities Framework sets out the skills, knowledge, and behaviours that the Nursing workforce in primary care and general practice will need to apply to deliver high quality, personalised, compassionate care.

