



# Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025

## General Practice Alert State (GPAS)

You can see the latest SitRep results on [our website](#).

**Last week we received a disappointingly low number of responses from practices in Central Lancashire, Blackburn with Darwen, and North Cumbria.** Submitting your data is crucial. When we don't receive your data, it limits our ability to present a strong, accurate picture to system partners. This, in turn, weakens our case when we advocate for more resources and support for your practice. Your input makes a difference — thank you for taking the time to help us fight for you.

[Please let us know](#) if you are a Practice Manager and do not receive the GPAS input emails. If someone at your practice needs to be added to the distribution list please email [enquiries@nwlmc.org](mailto:enquiries@nwlmc.org). Submission links are sent out every Tuesday and Wednesday.

## Carr- Hill formula reforms

The Health Secretary Wes Streeting [announced](#) last week that the 10 Year Health Plan will have a focus on health inequalities, through a review of the Carr-Hill formula funding for GP practices.

In response to this, the BMA [GPCE chair Dr Katie Bramall said](#):

*"It is crucial that those who need care the most get it, but not at the risk of creating more disparities by simply moving around resources to plug the existing shortfalls in care. This is why need a minimum investment standard for general practice within the upcoming Ten-Year Plan. The funding and timeline of such reforms is crucial as rushing this could lead to more practice closures and have unintended consequences on patient access and continuity of care. Any change must account for differences in patient demographics, including deprivation, without practices losing out.*

*The BMA has long called for reform of the Carr-Hill funding formula and will work alongside the Government to ensure that any future changes provide fair and full remuneration that recognises GP workload and current pressures on the profession. We also to see focus on change that protects and builds neighbourhoods, with a focus on recruiting and retaining new doctors using incentive schemes, prioritising under-doctored areas."*

## ARM 2025

Last week the BMA [ARM \(annual representative meeting\)](#) took place. Hosted in Liverpool and online, over 550 colleagues gathered to debate the issues affecting the profession, and set BMA policy for the future. [Read the GPs committee's report to ARM>](#)

## National Insurance hike fuelling crisis in general practice

Following years of underinvestment and rising patient demand, delegates of the ARM voted for the BMA to lobby the Government for an immediate exemption from the rise in employers' NI contributions, and for reimbursement. [Read more](#)





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### Updated FAQs - online consultation contract requirements

Following further discussions with suppliers, NHSE and the profession, GPC England has updated its [FAQs on online consultations](#) ahead of the implementation of contractual requirements in October. We expect to update these FAQs again in August to reflect ongoing discussions.

### GP Premises Survey 2025

The BMA are calling on all practice managers and premises-owning partners to take part in a GP Premises Survey 2025, to help gather essential data on the condition of GP buildings. This evidence will directly shape proposals and negotiations with Government – supporting their case for the urgent investment and backing your practice needs.

If you're unsure about some details, simply select 'don't know' where needed – every response, even partial ones, contributes to building a clearer national picture.

Help advocate for better premises and stronger support for general practice - [take the survey](#)

### MP FOI request template

Further to a member receiving an FOI request from an MP to their practice the BMA GPC have put together [a template response](#), which may be of use to those receiving these types of requests.

[Please see attached the template](#) which leaves space for you to reply to the individual FOI request as usual, but then provides background to the pressures GPs are currently facing, and calls on the MP to support GPs.

### UEMO General Assembly

The BMA delegation attended the spring general assembly of the European Union of General Practitioners (UEMO) on 6 and 7 June. During the meeting Dr Peter Holden, who is Vice-President of UEMO, and the BMA Head of Delegation, led an important discussion on recognising general practice as a speciality on a European wide level. As a result, delegates agreed in principle a shared statement with UEMO to go to both the European Parliament and European Commission calling for this change to be made. This statement will be ratified at the next general assembly in the autumn.

### Visa challenges for International Medical Graduates (IMGs)

The BMA's GP Registrars Committee and the RCGP Registrar reps are conducting a survey to raise awareness of the lack of employment opportunities for GPs getting their CCTs, and to push for better visa options and earlier access to Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR), with the Government. Please share with all practice trainees.

Please complete the [survey](#) by 18 July 2025 (responses are confidential and anonymised).

### Blended learning survey for GP registrars and trainers

If you are a GP registrar or GP trainer and have direct experience of blended learning as part of GP training, the BMA would like to hear your views. [The short survey](#) should take less than 5 minutes to complete.

