



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 4th October 2022

Your LMC's response to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care statement

Following the announcement from Thérèse Coffey's relating to GP access, please see LMC response [attached to email](#). Please share widely. We will be engaging with local stakeholders and media on this.

The Fuller Stocktake Survey

The Fuller Stocktake is a [national report](#) that has the potential to fundamentally change the way that general practice is delivered.

It is, therefore, important that every GP can express their opinion on these proposals and help us tailor our response so that any solution will work for practices and patients

Thank you to those that have already completed the survey. For GPs that haven't - Please take some time to fill in this important [survey here](#).

Salaried and Locum GP Pay Survey launched

The BMA Sessional GPs Committee has launched a survey to obtain some data on pay for salaried GPs in order to inform the Sessional GPs Committee's policy on what the DDRB's pay range should be as the current range does not reflect reality. The survey will also collect data around locum pay rates, which will allow them to create a heat-map of how rates vary across the country to aid both locums and contractor GPs to agree appropriate rates.

The **survey is open to all GPs** and a wider range of views on how the DDRB pay range is used and pay is actually set and increased in practice – which should make the argument to DDRB more compelling. The survey also includes a few questions on whether GPs compare themselves with other professions or different grades of doctors, which might be another way of testing whether the pay range is set at the right level.

Click [here](#) to complete the survey by **18 October**.

GP Influenza Enhanced Service Specification and Flu guidance

The 2022-23 General Practice [Enhanced Service Specification](#) for the Seasonal Flu Programmes has been updated to include provision as part of General Practice's Occupational Health responsibilities to offer eligible frontline patient-facing staff a flu vaccination under the Clinical Negligence Scheme for general practice (CNSGP). Please be aware, however, that practice staff vaccination will still not be eligible for an IoS payment or vaccine reimbursement for this year. We recognise this is a frustrating decision and the BMA continues to push NHSE nationally on this point.





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Enhanced Access resources

An updated [communications guide and resource pack is now available to support PCNs and general practices to signpost patients to evening and weekend appointments from](#) the 1 October under the new Enhanced Access contractual arrangements. The guide includes practical advice on communications with patients, posters and digital assets that can be individualised to explain local arrangements and used on surgery screens, websites and in social media.

National call and recall for children missing MMR doses

NHSE will be sending communications to parents/guardians of children aged 1 to under 6 years whose record shows they are missing one or both MMR doses, advising them to contact their child's general practice to book vaccination. This forms part of the GP contract requirement for practices to participate in a national vaccination campaign each year.

Opportunistic MenACWY and HPV vaccination in general practice

As higher education students start a new academic year, young people may be advised by their institution to check they are up to date with these vaccinations and wish to be vaccinated. Administration of MenACWY and HPV vaccines are essential services and should be offered on an opportunistic basis, or if requested, to those aged between 14 and 25 years who have missed vaccination under the routine school-aged immunisation programme. The cessation of the MenACWY Freshers Programme in 2020/21 does not remove this requirement, as it was a distinct catch-up programme.

GP Webinar – 6 October, 5-6pm

Join Dr Ursula Montgomery and Dr Kiren Collison from NHSE at the [next GP webinar](#), where they'll be providing an update on support for general practice, PCNs and their teams through winter and beyond. NHSE will also be bringing you an update on training for GP staff on using digital tools and the citizen access team on offering patients access to their prospective medical record online which will go live on 1 November 2022. [Visit the Future NHS page to re-watch previous webinars.](#)

Carers and personal assistants can get their COVID-19 and flu vaccines ahead of the winter

Both the COVID-19 and flu vaccinations are now available to all carers. The COVID-19 booster can be booked through the [National Booking Service](#), by calling 119, or by attending a [vaccination walk-in](#) site. [A communications toolkit with resources aimed at carers can be found on Future NHS.](#)

