



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

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Help us grow our audience - LMC Distribution list

We would like to grow our LMC audience. If you know any GPs or PMs in your practice that don't receive this Brieflet and/or is not on our distribution list, please ask them to [get in touch with us!](#)

GPCE/LMC Roadshows

This is a reminder that Dr Samira Anane and Dr David Wrigley will be hosting roadshows in Preston and Carlisle. The event will be free to attend and be taking place on Thursday 20th June. Please find below posters which includes further details. If you would like to attend please let Rebecca know.

GPC England Ballot - OPEN

Protect Your Patients, Protect Your Practice

Vote YES and use the BMA GP Practice Survival Toolkit

The ballot to Save General Practice has now opened. The BMA are holding a non-statutory ballot because General Practice has been deliberately broken. Over 1,300 practices have been lost, and thousands more GPs with them. Funding for essential practice services has eroded to the tune of £660 million and successive sub-inflationary uplifts have threatened practices' viability. With almost 2000 fewer FTE GPs compared with a decade ago, and an additional 6.4million patients it is no surprise that patient dissatisfaction has doubled in the past five years.

In the referendum earlier this year almost everyone said a firm NO to the new contract and were ignored by the Government, who have refused to make any improvements or give General Practice any more resources.

This ballot is open to all GP contractors and partner BMA members in England.

The Ballot Question:

'Are you prepared to undertake one or more examples of collective action as outlined in the BMA campaign to Protect Your Patients, Protect Your Practice?'

The Ballot Answer

Vote YES to Take Action to Save General Practice.

Vote YES to protect your practice and to protect your patients.

The BMA are not asking you to breach your contract, but are asking you to take a stand.

Please look out for an email from bma@cesvotes.com which will allow you to vote.

The ballot closes on 29 July ahead of action commencing from Thursday 1 August.

Not a BMA member? Join now and get 3 months FREE membership. You can join [here](#).



Please check and update your details here [BMA - Sign In](#)

For more information, please find below video.

General Practice Alert State (GPAS)

You can see the 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 provide this as 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.

LMC Celebratory Ball

We are pleased to announce that bookings for the LMC Celebratory Ball have now opened.

Full details have been sent out via a newsflash.

If you would like to purchase tickets, please email enquiries@nwlmc.org

Channel 4 News Filming Request

Channel 4 news are planning a segment on Primary Care – covering issues around PAs, unemployed GPs, under funding and patients’ struggles to access services.

They are keen to film in a Practice in the North West, ideally on a Wednesday. They would like to speak to a GP about the workload and a Practice Manager about trying to meet the needs of the community as well as the rising costs of keeping the Practice going.

If you would like to volunteer, please get in touch.

Contraceptive Services

Contraceptive services, formerly an Additional Service funded by an identified 2.4% of Global Sum, have been included as an Essential Service under the Primary Medical Services (GMS/PMS) Contract, since 2020. This includes the treatment of and prescribing for patients for contraceptive services, with the specific exclusion of the “fitting and implanting of intrauterine devices and implants”.

In addition, Para 14(2)1 of the GMS/PMS contract includes a reference to “drugs” including contraceptive as substances and “appliances” as including contraceptive appliances.

GPC England’s advice is therefore that the prescription and administration of contraceptive injections (such as Depo Provera, Sayana Press, and Noristerat) does form part of Essential Services. Reimbursement is available through the Personally Admitted drugs provisions in the Statement of Financial Entitlements and indemnity is available via CNSGP.

Seasonal Flu Immunisation Programme QIVr vaccine

Sanofi has advised that the Recombinant Quadrivalent Influenza vaccine [QIVr] will, due to a supply issue, not be available for the flu vaccination programme for the 2024/25 season.

The original JCVI recommendation was to use QIVr for adults aged 65 years and over, and also adults aged 16 to 64 who are in eligible groups.

In the light of this change, NHS England has given advice which can be viewed here.

As QIVr is only licensed for those aged 18 and over, this does not affect the immunisation programme for younger patients. For practices who have ordered QIVr, and who are participating in the 2024/25 immunisation programme, the primary alternative is QIV-HD [high dose quadrivalent influenza vaccine] which is licensed in the UK for those 60 and over. Otherwise, practices may seek to order additional supplies of aQIV [Adjuvanted Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine] for those aged 65 and over, and QIVc [Cell-based Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine] for those under 65 years.

NHSE has updated the list of influenza vaccines marketed in the UK

NHS Education Funding Agreement 2024/27

NHSE has published a new NHS Funding Agreement. Unlike the previous education contract, this new version includes GP-specific elements in schedule 1. The contract creates a formal mechanism for training practices to receive payment from NHSE.

GPC England has had the opportunity to review and comment on the funding agreement during its development and is content with the final version.

All of the funding agreement documentation can be accessed on the NHS England website. If they haven't already done so, NHS England commissioners will be contacting training practices shortly about bringing you onto the new agreement.

Academy Matters - MLCSU IT Training Newsletter - June 2024

Please see the most recent MLCSU IT training newsletter: June 2024 - MLCSU Academy (midlandsandlancashirecsu.nhs.uk)

LMC Vacancies

4 out of our 5 Committees have seats available for GP representation:

- Lancashire Coastal - 1 seat available
- North Cumbria - 2 seats available
- Central Lancashire - 3 seats available
- Morecambe Bay - 2 seats 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.