



# Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

## 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!](#)

## 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.

## Crowdstrike/EMIS outage

Commenting on the aftermath of Friday's Crowdstrike outage, Dr David Wrigley, deputy chair of GPC England at the BMA, has advised that BMA's GP committee will continue their dialogue with both EMIS and NHSE, both to make sure that this week can be used to recover as quickly as possible and to urgently work on securing a better system of IT backup so that this disaster is not repeated in future.

Locally, we know that a considerable backlog has been created following the outage and that patients need to be made aware that normal service will not resume immediately. We are in touch with the ICBs on how this message is being relayed and to highlight the support needs of practices.

It is recognised that many colleagues have given their time over the weekend etc. in an attempt to minimise further disruption for patients and deal with this situation that is not of their making. To help us to articulate the scale of additional workload this has created for practices, we'd be grateful of any insight practices can offer via this short survey:

- LMC Practice Survey - Lancashire & South Cumbria Survey
- LMC Practice Survey - North Cumbria Survey

## GPCE Ballot for GP Contractors/Partners

The BMAs ballot will close on the 29th July. The ballot is open to all GP Contractors/Partners in England, and to vote you must be a BMA Member.

Protect Your Patients, Protect Your Practice

VOTE YES and use the BMA GP Practice Survival Toolkit



You should have received an email from [bma@cesvotes.com](mailto:bma@cesvotes.com). If you haven't received an email, or have any questions, please [click here](#).

BMA's GP Committee is aware of ICBs being tasked by NHSE to seek intel around collective action next month. Practices are reminded that they are not obliged to respond to such requests.

### **Proposals for changes to Employment Legislation following the recent change in Government**

As you may be aware, the LMC HR Team work closely with a firm of employment solicitors based in Manchester. Following the recent change in government, Freeths have shared with us the latest thinking and proposals about possible changes to current employment law. Clearly some of the proposals will have a major impact on people management processes and procedures and for some (if approved) may prove quite costly.

Please find further information under our HR Hot Topics [here](#).

### **Academy Matters - MLCSU IT Training Newsletter - July 2024**

Please see the most recent MLCSU IT training newsletter: July 2024 - MLCSU Academy ([midlandsandlancashirecsu.nhs.uk](http://midlandsandlancashirecsu.nhs.uk))

### **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.