



# Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

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Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

## **New Chair of GPC England**

We are delighted that Dr Farah Jameel has been elected chair of GPC England. We wish her every success in bringing together the difference interests of LMCs across the country so that we can develop a consensus on how we should deal with the current challenges facing General Practice.

Many of you will know Dr Farah Jameel from when she attended our LMC Conference in 2019 and we know that she has a keen interest in supporting LMCs.

Read the BMA press statement [here](#).

## **GP Earnings Declaration**

As previously mentioned in our recent correspondence, the submission and publication of GP earning declarations have been delayed until at least next spring.

We will keep you updated on any further discussions on this in the future.

## **DVLA Requests**

We would like to remind practices that it is not a GP responsibility to provide an opinion on fitness to drive - to do so would fall outside of CNSGP arrangements and could also cause doctor/patient relationship breakdown if the opinion is perceived as adverse.

## **Professional Associate Recruitment**

We are looking for a wide variety of practice team expertise interested in working with us on our Practice Team Support and Development Programme and our resilience programme. This includes PMs, GPs, Nurses & other Health Care Professionals across Lancashire & Cumbria.

Please visit our [website](#) for more information.

## **Supporting General Practice against abuse**

The BMA continues to campaign against abuse of GPs and their staff with a number of resources available on [Support Your Surgery campaign](#) page, in order to get the changes that are so urgently needed to support general practice teams.

We would also like to remind practices that the LMC deliver conflict management training to help practice staff deal with challenging patients.

Please get in touch with [Rebecca](#) for more information.





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## Community Pharmacy Consultation Service

Community Pharmacy Lancashire are running a session this Thursday, which is aimed at GP practices that are wanting to learn more about the GP Community Pharmacy Consultation Service (GP CPSC) prior to going live. It's the first of a number of sessions that will be running and there will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the session - [Click here to join the meeting](#)

## COVID-19 vaccinations

### Booster vaccination for over 40s

The [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#) has advised last week that all adults aged 40 to 49 years (cohort 10) should also be offered an mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine booster, 6 months after their second dose, irrespective of the vaccines given for the first and second doses.

### Second doses for 16- and 17-year-olds

The [JCVI has also advised](#) that all 16 to 17 year olds who are not in an at-risk group should be offered a second dose of the Pfizer vaccine. The second vaccine dose should be given 12 weeks or more following the first vaccine dose.

Note that for both groups, it is on an opt-in basis and provision to these groups won't be required if PCN groups want to continue with existing provision.

Read the [guidance from NHSE/I on COVID-19 vaccination deployment for both groups](#).

### COVID-19 vaccination for the housebound

NHSEI has increased the supplementary fee detailed in the [phase 3 general practice enhanced service specification](#) to £20 per visit (increased from the current £10 supplementary fee) to a housebound patient for each vaccination dose given to a housebound patient, by PCN-led and CP-led LVS sites. This supplement is on top of the £12.58 Item of Service fee. This increased supplement will apply for COVID-19 vaccinations (booster and third primary dose only) administered to housebound patients from 16 September 2021 until 5 December 2021.

## Serious Shortage Protocol - atorvastatin 20mg chewable tablets

Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for atorvastatin (Lipitor®) 20mg chewable tablets came into effect 18 November in England and Wales. The SSP is currently scheduled to end on 12 January 2022. Read more on the NHS Business Services Authority's SSP [website](#).

## Health Select Committee inquiry into the future of general practice

Last week the Parliamentary Health and Social Care Committee (HSCC), chaired by former Health Secretary, Jeremy Hunt MP, has launched a timely [inquiry into the future of general practice](#). The inquiry presents a key opportunity for the BMA to push GP campaign asks, as well as to raise wider concerns and recommendations. The BMA will submit a formal response, but members of the public can also [submit their comments](#) directly to the inquiry by 14 December.





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## Vaccination Data Resolution Service (VDRS)

The Vaccination Data Resolution Service (VDRS) has been established to resolve missing or incorrect vaccination records for people who are registered with a GP practice and who were vaccinated in England, Scotland or Wales. The primary aim of the VDRS is to ensure progression of the COVID-19 vaccination programme and ensure people's records are correct and allow recommended doses of the vaccination to be booked and received, including booster doses.

As well as citizens being able to access the service via 119, a system has been established whereby sites can access the VDRS to support vaccination record entry and queries. This service should also be used if a person presents for vaccination and has missing vaccination records relating to vaccine administered at sites elsewhere in England and requires sites to complete a form for the VDRS team to process.

For full information on how to access this service, please visit the VDRS page within the [COVID vaccinations tech and data workspace](#) on FutureNHS. Register [here for a FuturesNHS account](#).

## Training events

Please see our [website](#) for upcoming LMC and non LMC training events.

## LMC GP Support Scheme

The GP Support Scheme is a free confidential peer support service offered to all GPs in Lancashire & Cumbria. It provides pastoral support to all GPs who are experiencing problems such as stress, career or partnership issues, addiction, or general unhappiness/burn-out. It is also open to GPs and first 5 GPs who want general career advice.

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