



# Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

## Revised annual flu letter and revised flu reimbursement letter now published

Following the Government announcement that the flu vaccine will be now extended to 50 to 64 year olds that aren't in a clinical at risk group and to secondary school children, focusing on years, 7, 8 and 9, amendments to the [annual flu letter](#) and [flu vaccine reimbursement letter](#) have now been published. This includes operational guidance including vaccine ordering.

## General Practice Improvement Leads (GPIL) Programme

Applications are open for the funded [GPIL programme](#), which will start in September 2022. The GPIL programme is a nationally accredited personal development programme for those working in general practice, including, but not limited to, GPs, practice managers, nurses, reception managers and senior administrators. Participants gain new perspectives, skills, and confidence in using quality improvement tools and techniques (improvement science) for service redesign and leading colleagues and teams through change.

The programme will be held virtually, and places are offered on a first come, first served basis to those eligible. The last day for applications is 26 August 2022.

## Training Course: Physical health care for people with severe mental illness

A half-day [interactive course for primary care staff which looks at ways to improve the physical health of patients with severe mental illness](#) will take place on 9 August, 1.15pm – 5pm.

The course is for primary care staff providing annual health checks to service users with complex mental and physical health needs. It covers how physical health monitoring brings better outcomes for service users with serious mental illness and considers co-morbidities, whereby mental health problems among people with physical illnesses are costly for both our health system and wider society.

## Your NHS Pensions newsletter – Important information for practice managers and teams

The NHS Business Services Authority have a monthly newsletter to discuss all things relating to NHS pensions. July's NHS Pensions Update is now out, with a focus on Pensions Online (POL) downtime, new assets for employers to promote the NHS Pensions member events, the Administration Foundation Course and more.

[All editions of the NHS Pensions Update](#) can be found in the Employer Newsletter section of the website. Please email [nhsbsa.stakeholderengagement@nhs.net](mailto:nhsbsa.stakeholderengagement@nhs.net) to be added to the distribution list or to add a member of staff.





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## Primary Care – Quality Improvement Facilitation Development Programme

There's still time to [apply for the Primary Care – Quality Improvement Facilitation Development Programme](#). This exciting opportunity is for all those working in and around Primary Care, who want to build on their existing knowledge and experience of quality improvement.

This funded programme will support those attending to enhance their ability to be effective facilitators and leaders of change in their own workplace and local systems. The closing date is midnight 12 August 2022.

## Decision support tools published

NHSE have published a [suite of eight decision support tools](#) covering varying conditions along with guidance on how to use them and evaluating the impact.

Decision support tools (DSTs), also called patient decision aids support [shared decision making](#) (SDM) by making treatment, care and support options explicit, providing evidence-based information about the associated benefits and risks, and helping patients to consider what matters most to them in relation to the possible outcomes, including doing nothing.

These DSTs have been developed in accordance with [NICE standards framework for shared decision making support tools, including patient decision aids](#). NHSE will continue to build on this suite of DSTs and publish as they become available. To help NHSE in future clinical DST development, please share your feedback by [completing this short questionnaire](#). Feedback closes on 31 December 2022.

## Support for AHP colleagues

Allied Health Professions (AHPs) are the third largest workforce in the NHS. As with all health professionals, AHPs are expected to continually develop and to maintain their qualifications, competencies and capabilities while improving patient care and safety.

NHS Knowledge and Library Services are on hand to help with relevant information, tools and techniques to make sure any AHP can get exactly what they need for professional development and in their day to day work or research.

This [short animation](#) describes just what kind of support is on offer to AHPs right throughout their career. Please do share this with your colleagues who may find this useful.

