



# Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

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Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## Monkeypox vaccination strategy, risk stratification and virtual management guidance

Last week the [UKHSA published its strategy recommending that some gay and bisexual men at higher risk of exposure to monkeypox should be offered vaccines](#) to help control the recent outbreak of the virus.

NHSE are due to set out details on how eligible people can get vaccinated shortly. People are advised not to come forward for the vaccine until contacted.

NHSE have also published an updated risk stratification guidance document and guidance on the virtual management of monkeypox cases. [Both are available on the NHS England Monkeypox website.](#)

## A new webinar series to support QOF Quality Improvement

NHSE are launching a new webinar series to support general practices in implementing the 2022/23 QOF Quality Improvement Modules on Prescription Drug Dependency and Optimising Access to General Practice.

The webinar series will cover a range of QI methodologies and explain how they can be applied to this year's QOF QI modules.

The [first webinar is taking place 7 July](#), where NHSE will help you to understand the QOF QI module and guidance on Prescription Drug Dependency.

## Welcome to General Practice 2022

Recordings of the Welcome to General Practice event are now available on the [GP Career Support Hub](#). The event in May was held for trainee GPs about to enter the workforce and included information about the support and career options available to them, including the Fellowship Scheme, RCGP First5 and coaching.

As well as the recording – broken into segments for ease of reference - the full slide pack and links to further information are also available.

The GP Career Support Hub provides a one stop shop for GPs for all the information and support available to them.





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## BMA GP Trainees Committee

Please forward to GP trainees: The GP Trainees Committee elections have re-opened. The nomination period is ongoing and is live on the [BMA online elections portal](#). The full election guide is available online for those eligible.

The BMA are holding elections for a two-session term (2022-2024) for Lancashire (Covering Lancashire, Greater Manchester & South Cumbria)

- Nominations are open until 12pm Tuesday 28th June
- Voting opens at 12pm Friday 1st July 2022
- Voting closes 12pm Friday 15th July 2022

Full details on GPTC, election eligibility and contact information can be found on the [committee webpage](#). There are links to the election page also on the website.

## Referring patients for COVID-19 treatments in the community

On 31 May, NHSE sent a [letter to GPs about referring highest risk patients to a COVID-19 Medicine Delivery Unit \(CMDU\)](#) for assessment if they test positive. This can happen where a patient contacts a GP after not being automatically contacted by a CMDU. In addition to referrals, hospital consultants can prescribe/administer COVID-19 treatments to their patients. Please note, this doesn't apply to GPs, who are only required to refer patients to a CMDU.

To note, while patients can use 119 to order lateral flow tests or report their result, 119 is not able to arrange assessment/treatment, or refer patients.

## COVID Oximetry @home and COVID virtual ward – updates including standing down of sitreps

From 1 July, in line with the end of COVID-19 control of patient information (COPI) notices, and to reduce data burden, COVID Oximetry @home sitrep reporting and daily feed of positive COVID patients will be stood down. COVID virtual ward questions will also be removed from the Daily Provider COVID Discharge Sitrep. Reporting for all virtual wards continues through the virtual ward sitrep. [Pulse oximeters remain available to request](#). Please contact [england.home@nhs.net](mailto:england.home@nhs.net) with any queries.

## Project survey – Chronic Kidney Disease

'My name is Omer and I'm one of the junior doctors working with IT in Preston. My MSc with Imperial is looking at how we can improve Chronic Kidney Disease monitoring and potentially **automate it and reduce work for GPs** and also **improve the interface between primary and secondary care**.

I would be really grateful if you could kindly fill out this [short survey](#), it should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. I'm also looking to carry out a few 20–30-minute interviews to get more in-depth feedback. If you can spare 20-30 minutes, please get in touch me on [omer.ali@lthtr.nhs.uk](mailto:omer.ali@lthtr.nhs.uk) or leave your email at the end of the survey.'

