



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Monday 3rd February 2020

LMC Conference

We look forward to seeing you all at our Conference this Friday! Please find attached agenda. There are limited spaces available so please email [Rebecca](#) if you have not booked your place yet!

Brexit

The BMA has released a statement saying that European doctors must continue to be welcome in the UK. Read Chaand Nagpaul's, BMA Council Chair, full statement [here](#) and the BMA work on Brexit [here](#).

The European Medicine's Agency (EMA) has also published information about what this will mean for medicines during the transition period, including how to prevent shortages. Read more [here](#).

Coronavirus

BMA GPC are in regular dialogue with PHE and NHSEI on this developing situation, particularly following the news of [two confirmed cases](#) in York. Read the PHE [guidance for primary care here](#) and further information, including to the public, is available [here](#).

BMA emergency preparedness lead, Peter Holden, spoke to [LBC](#) on Saturday about the coronavirus. He said that it's understandable that people are worried, but that it's important to have some perspective on the outbreak and that, compared to flu, general risk and fatalities remain low. He also spoke to [talkRADIO](#) about the latest developments in the spreading of the infection.

GPC England contract negotiations

Earlier this week the GP contract negotiations and the concerns about the draft PCN DES specifications, were discussed in [Parliament's health questions with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care](#) - Matt Hancock MP. Read the full transcript [here](#).

PCN Service specifications report

NHS England has released its response to the feedback from the PCN service specifications engagement exercise, which is published [here](#). The revised service specifications are currently being negotiated as part of the GP contract negotiations.

GP appointments data

NHS Digital has published their latest [GP appointments data](#).

