

Information Pack



LANCASHIRE & CUMBRIA CONSORTIUM OF
LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEES

Celebrating Excellence in General Practice





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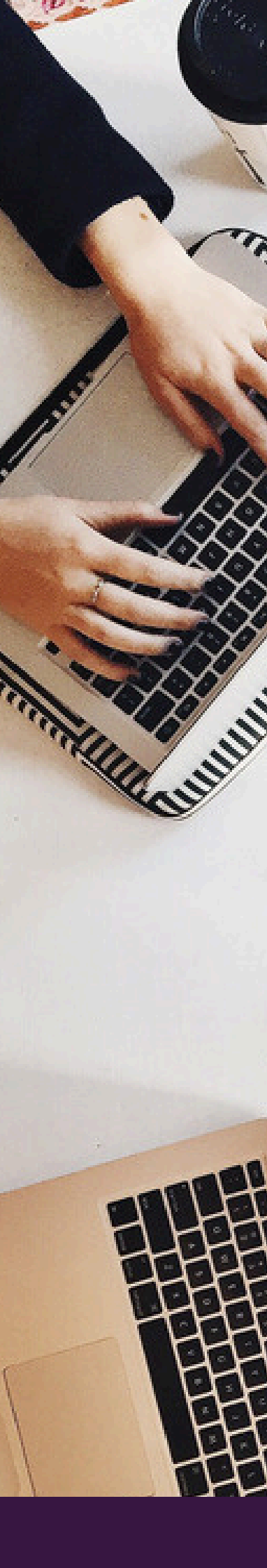


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What is a LMC?

An independent body

Represents the interests of general practice and acts as its advocate, remains independent from political constraints and the need to satisfy other interests

A Statutory Body

Has rights and responsibilities defined in the NHS Acts & Regulations and serves as the local representative committee for all NHS GPs.

A Professional Body

Promotes quality and maintains standards of professional practice through support and demonstration in collaboration with other professional and educational bodies.

A democratic body

Elected by and comprising local GPs. LMCs have constitutions which prescribe the manner and frequency of elections and decision making based on democratic principles. All GPs who pay a levy contribution to the LMC have a right to vote.

Membership of the LMC and the consequent support it can offer is open to all doctors working in general practice, whether as principals in a GMS, PMS or APMS practice, salaried doctors, locums and other sessional doctors.

A representative body

Listens, debates and responds to feedback and represents the majority view of its GPs to NHS England, ICBs and other national and local organisations

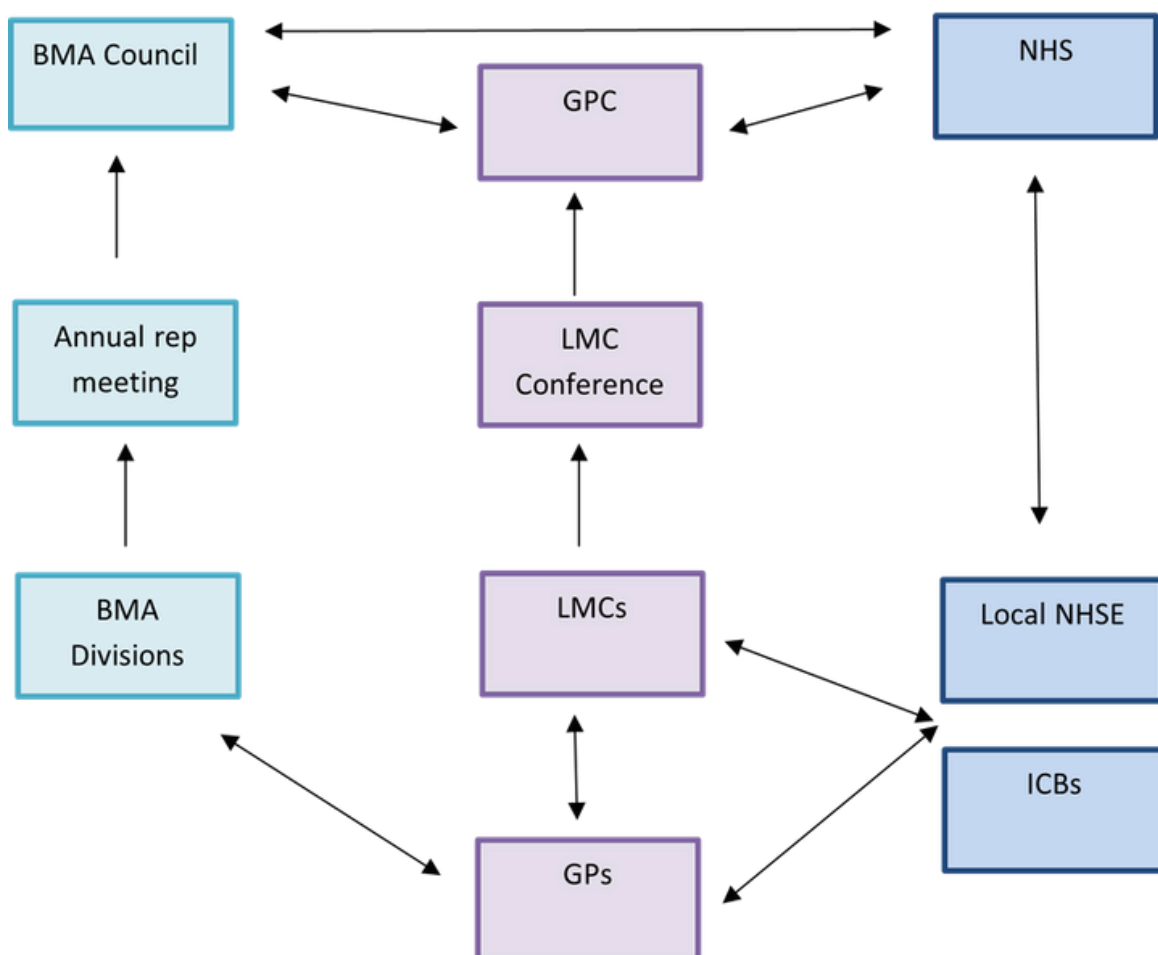
A Resource

Provides advice and support for all GPs in all matters affecting their professional lives and activities.

History of LMCs

Following the introduction of the National Health Insurance Bill (which would later transform into the National Health Service) in 1911, the British Medical Association (BMA) successfully argued that local committees of 'panel doctors' should be given statutory recognition. The BMA suggested that 'there should adequate medical representation on Local Health Committees and statutory recognition of Local Medical Committees (LMCs)'. As a result, LMCs gained their statutory status and began functioning in their current format. The following year, the BMA established a national committee to represent the combined interests of the LMCs and this group later became the General Practitioners Committee (GPC).

The LMC and the wider world



How are LMCs funded?

Statutory levy

All LMCS in England are funded by a statutory levy. This amount is collected from practices through ICBs and is based on an amount per patient.

This money funds office/ officers of an LMC. It also funds the representative committees with representatives being paid per attendance and reimbursed travel expenses.

This rate is set by each LMC.

National Levy

In addition to the statutory levy, LMCs collect a national levy. This is a separate levy which is collected to fund the GPC, the GPDF and supports national negotiations regarding General Practice.

This rate is set by the GPDF and is also based on an amount per patient.

LMC Conferences

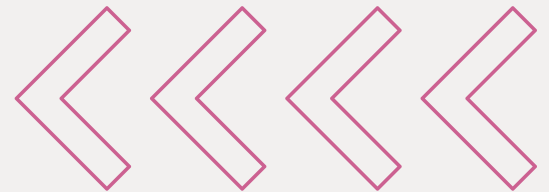
- LMCs mandate the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) to act on behalf of general practitioners across the UK/England
- Conference enables the democratic debating of motions that then forms GPC policy
- The link to the medical profession's trade union (BMA) marks us out as unique as a representative body and is clearly different to GP federations/PCNs etc
- There is normally an annual UK and separate England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland LMC Conference with occasional Special Conferences.



The 5 LMCs

The Consortium of LMCs comprises of five autonomous LMCs within Lancashire and Cumbria:

1. Lancashire Coastal LMC
2. Lancashire Pennine LMC
3. Central Lancashire LMC
4. Morecambe Bay LMC
5. Cumbria LMC



It is an umbrella organisation providing services to 245 practices. This enables a critical mass of support, specialisation and expertise to be provided to the five LMCs, their GPs and Practices. This is of benefit in dealing with high level negotiations with NHS England Area Teams, ICBs and other statutory bodies. It is also vital in providing the necessary level of support to individual GPs and practices.

The Chairs and Treasurers of the LMCs meet with the officers of the Consortium to set the direction of travel and agree service priorities, share approaches to policy issues and exchange views. The budget for the Consortium Office is also approved at this level. LMCs determine their own budgets and working arrangements.

For all the LMCs, Member's term of office is four years with half the committee retiring every two years. The positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer are re-elected every two years.

To see the lists of committee members [visit our website.](#)





OUR SERVICES

Every LMC across the UK is different and being one of the biggest LMCs means we can offer more services.

We offer support in all things General Practice such as the following:

- Advice & guidance
- Complaints
- CQC Inspections
- Premises
- GP Remuneration
- GP Contracts
- Partnership Affairs
- GP Performance
- Resilience
- QOF
- Income
- Enhanced Services

We also provide additional services including:

- Support & Development Service
- Partnership agreement drafting service
- Occupational Health Service
- NHSE GP Resilience Programme
- Training & Events
- Website practice vacancies adverts
- HR Service
- Sessional GP Support

[See more details on our website here.](#)



MEET THE TEAM

[You can see full details of the team on our website here.](#)



Adam Janjua
Chief Executive Officer



Faye Tomlinson
Chief Operating Officer



Jess Tomlinson
Executive Lead for Central Lancashire

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Abi Askew

Executive Lead for Morecambe Bay



Ross McDuff

Executive Lead for Lancashire Pennine



Tabitha Mitchell- Greaves

Executive Lead for North Cumbria



Toni Parker

Executive Lead for Lancashire Coastal

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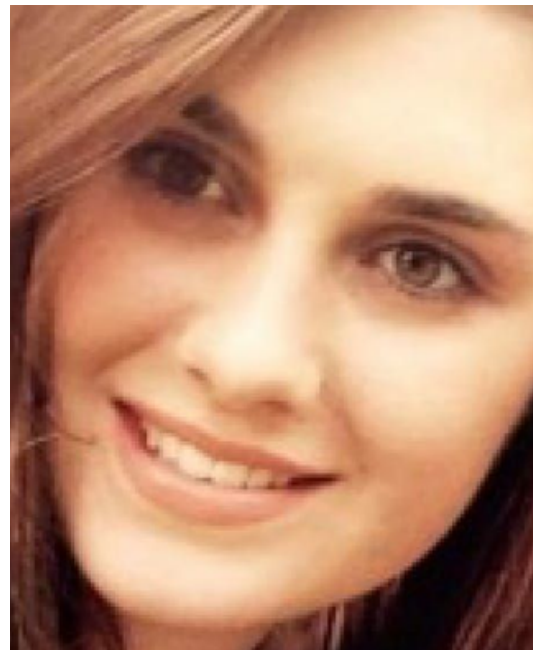
Mikaela George
Executive Lead



Rebecca Noblett
Events & Liaison Officer



Mariah Bellevue de Sylva
Communications Lead



Stevie Simpkin
HR Service Lead



LMC BUYING GROUP

Our LMC has been a member of the national LMC Buying Group since 2012. This means our constituent practices have access to discounts on a wide range of products and services that they regularly buy.

Buying Group membership is completely free and there is no compulsion to use all suppliers. The Buying Group do the hard work associated with finding the most competitive suppliers in cost and customer service, so they save you time as well as money on your purchasing.

Due to data protection regulations, they need you to register your details with them directly to ensure you have access to their website and the discounted pricing. This only takes a few minutes and can be done by clicking on this link to the registration form:

<https://form.jotform.com/221955149131353>

If you have any questions about the Buying Group or its suppliers you can contact them on: 0115 979 6910 email info@lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk or visit the website <https://www.lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk/>.





Please let us know if you have any questions and/ or if we can help you with anything!



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