



Notes from the Chief Executive

The 23/24 Contract Offer

We are actively working with GPC colleagues at a national level to explore how we can respond, both nationally and locally, to the contract imposition. We are awaiting the details behind Amanda Doyle's letter to understand the real impact of the proposals. There is also a working group at national level building on the work we did at the last England LMC Conference on possible responses to the contract imposition.

I know some of you are wanting to take action now and wonder what our national negotiators are doing. Others are more cautious and feel uncomfortable about taking any form of action if it is against their patients interests or may result in contract sanctions. Whatever we do must command the support of the majority of GPs and that is why our national team is taking its time to consult with the profession and understand the details behind the contract imposition before recommending a course of action.

Do join one of the five webinars (they are open to all) on:

- Tuesday 21st March 19.00-20.30
- Wednesday 22nd March 12.30-14.00
- Wednesday 29th March 19.00-20.30
- Thursday 30th March 12.30-14.00
- Thursday 30th March 19.00-20.30

You can register [here](#).

In addition, we are taking the details apart, line by line in each of our LMCs, to gain an understanding of what it means for our members. We are also organising two roadshows, one in the north and one in the south of the Consortium where we hope to bring the GPC negotiators to meet as many of you as possible for face-to-face discussions. We are finalising the dates and venues for these events.

In the meantime, if you have any queries or points you would like to make, please get in touch with me, your LMC Chair or your LMC Lead Executive. We will be providing support material to practices for whatever action is decided.

Links to the Evolving ICB (Lancashire & South Cumbria)

I mentioned to you in my 7th March Note that we felt the need to strengthen our negotiating arrangements with the ICB. A meeting has been called next Thursday to explore how GP Provider Leaders from across the ICB, from LMCs, Federations, PCNs and Places can represent their views and work with the ICB in addressing their agenda. We hope to build on the arrangements we have already formed of a unified GP Voice in each of our health communities and at system level. We will advise you of progress we make.





A LMC Consortium GP Chief Executive -Invitation for Expressions of Interest

As you know I am retiring at the end of May, and I announced in my note to you on 7th March that we had appointed my successor. I spoke prematurely, as we were unable to complete the formalities to the satisfaction of both parties. We have, therefore, taken the opportunity to review our management arrangements rather than seek a straight replacement for me.

I have been concerned for some time that our work is largely carried out by my team of managers and have wanted to increase clinical engagement. Our Chairs, Vice chairs and LMC members are doing their best, but they are just so busy with their clinical work. We are, therefore, taking the opportunity to put some strategic clinical leadership at the top of our organisation by appointing a part time GP Chief Executive. It is important that we have a committed and motivated GP at the heart of our organisation at this time of unprecedented pressure on general practice.

This person will be supported by a Consortium Director of Operations who will be responsible for the coordination and management of the Consortium Office.

We are looking for someone with GP Leadership experience, preferably at Board level, who is confident on taking on this challenge. We need someone who the profession can trust and look to lead in representing their interests and leading local negotiations with our two ICBs.

If you have an interest in finding out more about the post, please ring me for a confidential chat. Alternatively, you can talk to your [LMC Chair](#).

Best Wishes,

PETER HIGGINS
Chief Executive

