



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 4th March

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General Practice Alert State (GPAS)

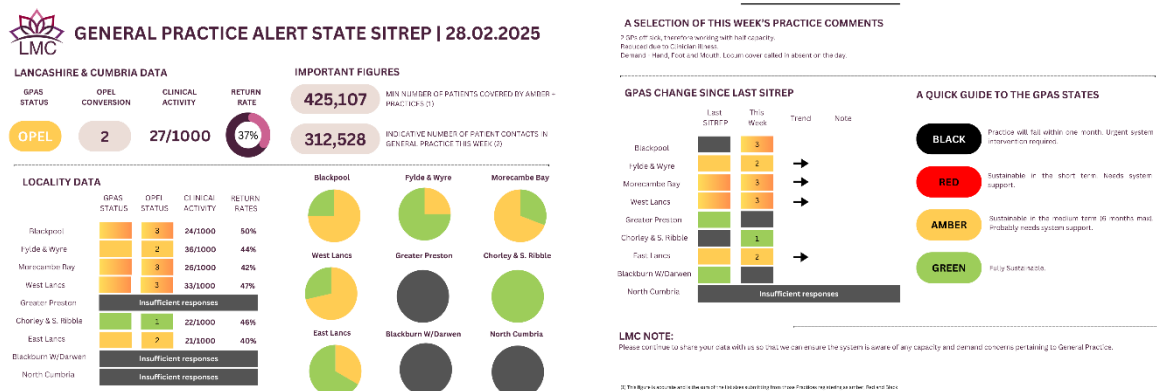
You can see the latest SitRep results below. Results can also be found [on our website](#).

The data we do not receive prevents us from providing a robust picture of system partners and hinders our efforts to push for more support on your behalf.

We really appreciate you taking the time to help us help you.

Please let us know if you are a Practice Manager and do not receive the GPAS input emails.

If someone at your practice needs to be added to the distribution list please email enquiries@nwlmc.org. Submission links are sent out every Tuesday and Wednesday.



Please let us know if you have any questions/ issues

25/26 Contract Announcements

Please find below message from Dr David Wrigley - Deputy Chair of GPC

As one of the 4 GP negotiators - along with expert BMA staff - we always knew this contract deal would be a one year stop gap measure to try and help improve finances and stabilise General Practice. We saw a very different and constructive approach from our politicians and civil servants with our asks being listened to and seeing amendments to the deal on the table.

We will see an uplift to the core funding in our global sum that will cover NI and minimum wage pressures along with other costs you face. There is a good uplift to the sums you can claim for parental and sick leave cover. GP funding in ARRS is placed into one ARRS pot and a lift on the cap on the number of GPs you can employ will occur. Practice nurses can now be employed via ARRS. I do recognise many of you will have maxed out your ARRS budget and we made this point repeatedly in negotiations.

Of huge significance is a commitment from the Secretary of State to work with us to negotiate a brand new GMS contract - one that is fit for purpose - within the time of this Parliament. This is huge and will hopefully see a new contract we can work with for the next generation.

I hope the deal gives you some hope and you can find more details [here](#).



Artificial Intelligence (AI) within GP Practices - Ambient AI Forum 19th March

We are aware that Artificial Intelligence (AI) within GP Practices is increasingly being explored and are interested to hear from practices on this as the popularity of ambient AI tools such as Heidi Health, Totrus, Corti etc. continues to grow.

We have previously shared some guidance issued by Midlands and Lancashire on this topic with the intention of ensuring that practices are clear on how they can be best supported to implement new technology and understand that the locally commissioned DPO service has supported some practices in this regard.

The decision to implement AI technology is a practice one, and should involve appropriate colleagues considering the risks involved and any mitigating actions needed, from both an IG and clinical safety perspective.

To provide further support and enable sharing of best practice with regards to clinical safety, an Ambient AI Forum is being established, led by L&SC ICB's Digital Clinical Safety Officer Sharon O'Connor.

The first meeting of this forum will be held 1pm - 2pm on 19th March.

Please email Sharon directly to express an interest in attending:
sharon.oconnor8@nhs.net

Oliver McGowan - LD & Autism

An offer is being rolled out to all staff for Learning Difficulties and Autism training across England. Before scheduling dates, we'd like to gauge interest through a survey. The

training would be held online via Teams for a minimal fee. You can also view the flyer with more details [here](#).

Each course is limited to 60 participants, but if demand is high, we would be happy to offer additional sessions.

Please complete the survey [here](#).

GP Unemployment Crisis

Despite the rising demand for family doctors to provide care, a Kafkaesque situation now exists in which a significant number of highly skilled GPs are struggling to secure work.

The BMA's UK Sessional GP Committee surveyed salaried and locum members to help highlight this pressing and absurd situation of the growing unemployment/underemployment crisis among GPs. The survey closed on Monday and the results will be shared in due course by the BMA.

Recently, the BMA held a virtual rally to address the [urgent issue of sessional GP unemployment](#).

If you missed the rally, you can watch the recording [here](#).

LMC Soapboxes - Morecambe Bay and Lancashire Coastal

This is a reminder of the next Morecambe Bay and Lancashire Coastal soapboxes.

Morecambe Bay - Thursday 6th March 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Lancashire Coastal - Friday 7th March 1pm - 1:30pm

If you have not received the link, please email Rebecca.Noblett@nwlmc.org

Academy Matters - MLCSU IT Training Newsletter - February 2025

Please see the most recent MLCSU IT training newsletter: [February 2025 - MLCSU Academy](#)

LMC Training Events 2025

Please see a list of upcoming training events being hosted by the LMC:

- [Complaints Training](#)
- [Conflict Management](#)
- [CQC Update](#)

To book your place or find out more information, please contact Rebecca.Noblett@nwlmc.org or view [here](#).

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