



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

Tuesday 7th April 2026

Help Us Grow Our Audience

We understand that you are busy and are likely to receive many emails on a daily basis. However it is important for you to receive communications from us because **we can help and support you.**

We know there are many colleagues who do not receive our brieflet, so please help us by sharing this with your team and [letting us know](#) to add them to our distribution lists.

School Based Vaccination Service data (Intrahealth - L&SC)

Last year, the LMC was made aware that practices in L&SC had received documents from Intrahealth (the school based vaccination service provider) containing vaccination data covering the period of Sept 2022–Jan 2025. Although initially sent as PDF files, from 1 Oct 2025 the intention was for CHIS to instead share the data in CSV format for batch uploading. However, we were alerted to data quality issues with the information some practices were receiving and also that using there may be issues using EMIS Batch Data Manager. Given the workload and patient safety concerns brought to our attention, we have been following this up with ICB Quality Team and NHSE colleagues over the past few months and want to be assured that the proposed solution to this issue does not burden practices with unacceptable risk. With this in mind, we want to seek further insight from practices who may not already have been in touch with us about this.

Please can you take a minute to complete [this survey](#) to help us quantify the scale of the issue across L&SC.

Additionally, we would advise any practice in L&SC that believes they are impacted by this incident to include it on their risk register as appropriate. Practices can note that their LMC has escalated the issue with ICB and NHSE locally within their mitigations and we will continue to update you when we have more information.

Consultant Connect - Lancs Teaching Hospitals

We want to reassure practices that the Consortium is in touch with colleagues at LTH regarding the recent introduction of Consultant Connect to triage long-waiting Neurology and Dermatology referrals.

We have been advised the LMC will receive an update following the exercise that is underway however we have been clear that there are already concerns arising from this time limited piece of work. We have highlighted examples where the approach risks being counterproductive, for example patients referred to Neurology following specialist assessment being advised to re-attend alternative services or follow pathways they have already been through.

Understandably, this situation is creating frustration for both practices and patients, with a potential increase in complaints. If you are experiencing any issues, please share anonymised examples with the LMC team. This intelligence is essential in ensuring we can represent your concerns effectively and push for appropriate resolution.





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LMC Safeguarding Toolkit

We have created a toolkit designed for receptionists/ admin staff to help support with recognising safeguarding concerns. [You can access the toolkit here.](#)

Patient Communications

The LMC can support practices with [patient communications](#)—such as guidance, posters and short videos—to help manage demand and workload. If you would like tailored materials, [please get in touch.](#)

LMC HR: Employment Law Updates

The landscape for UK employment law is undergoing a significant shift following the passage of the Employment Rights Act 2025. Most major changes are being phased in between April 2026 and January 2027. Check out the immediate and upcoming changes via the following link - [Employment Law Updates | Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs](#)

LMC HR: Template HR Policies and Procedures Handbook

Check out our new template HR Policy and Procedures Handbook available to download via the following link - [HR Policies and Contract Templates | Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs](#)

If you need login details to access the above link and or if you wish to discuss any of the details, please contact the free LMC HR Service hr@nwlmc.org

LMC Vacancies

Two of our five Committees currently have seats available for GP representation:

- Lancashire Coastal LMC: 2 vacancies available
- Central Lancashire LMC: 2 vacancies available (1 for Greater Preston & 1 for Chorley & South Ribble)

We are keen to hear from GPs, including Sessional's, GP Registrars/ Trainees, who may wish to get involved to represent your constituents. Please let us know if you are interested in being a LMC member or would [like to find out more.](#)

[You can find your LMC representatives on our website here.](#)

