LMC ViewPoint

The newsletter of Leeds Local Medical Committee Limited
We support and protect General Practice to support and care for the people of Leeds

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National update

GP Contract

Dispute with Government

GPC England has written to the Secretary of State for Health to confirm dispute. This clip after the Labour Party Conference explains why GPs are entering dispute with Government.

GPCE guidance on Implementing the contract changes

LMC's have received information that NHS England has asked ICBs to verify the information practices are submitting on the eDEC (submission deadline 21 November 2025) and on practice websites.

Practices cannot ignore the contractual changes implemented on 1 October 2025. To ensure compliance with new contractual requirements in the 2025/26 contract and to avoid the risk of potentially receiving a remedial breach notice form the ICB, practices must:
Have an online consultation tool, which is available to registered patients throughout core hours (8am-6:30pm), to allow them to make non-urgent /routine appointment requests, medication queries and administrative requests, and ensure GP Connect (Update Record) write access functionality is enabled

You can write to the ICB at wyicb-leeds.primarycare@nhs.net cc'ing the LMC at mail@leedslmc.org using the BMA template letter indicating that you are working under protest or the new BMA template letter notifying the ICB of patient safety concerns related to online access.

As the BMA prepares for further regulatory options, please encourage any GPs or GP registrars who are not BMA members to join so they may vote in any potential future ballot, and ensure your own membership is up to date.

GPCE advice on funding for online consultations

The NHSE Service Development Funding (SDF) guidance breaks down how IT/digital is funded for GP. GPIT infrastructure and GPIT revenue funding are embedded in ICB core allocations/baselines (that should cover delivery of core and mandated IT requirements for practices.
With regards to funding for online consultation software in particular, the SDF guidance for 25/26 further states that *"ICBs are expected to fund highly usable and accessible digital tools for general practice from their core allocations and to prioritise as necessary within those allocations to do so (this includes online consultation tools, appointment booking, messaging and demand and capacity tools). This is a requirement of the operational planning process, the GP contract and the GPIT operating model."*
Practices have the right to choose suppliers within the scope of the relevant procurement framework (as they can with their clinical systems, for example), though may decide to allow the ICB to undertake the relevant procurement. This is covered in more detail within the GPIT operating model.

BMA Guidance

A range of guidance is available on the BMA website, including the BMA's Practice Charter written as an accompaniment to NHS England's "You & Your GP Practice" document, and template letters to send to your ICB regarding online consultations and notifying the ICB of patient safety concerns related to online access.

Other guidance includes:

- Regulatory changes for 2025/26
- Managing patient care safely from 1 October
- FAQs for 1 October 2025 online consultations
- Guidance on demand and capacity
- Setting up online consultations and appointments
- GP Connect Update Record Summary
- Waiting lists in General Practice
- Choosing an online GP consultation platform
- GP online consultations poster

Access all the guidance: Campaigning around GP contracts in England

Prescribing

At the annual SRM, BMA representatives including secondary care have voted to support GPs who are saying no to prescribing medicines for hospital patients unless the GP has been properly informed and the treatment has been started and stabilised in secondary care. Representatives also supported GPs rejecting initial prescription requests from hospital staff who are not qualified to prescribe. See the article here and as attachment A.

Inclisiran – updated BMA briefing

There are widespread concerns over the attempt by NHS England to push Inclisiran from both the BMA and the RCGP. Inclisiran continues to have a black triangle status. Given workload, liability and still-evolving long-term outcomes evidence, practices **should not** prescribe/administer Inclisiran, although in negotiation with the LMC it may be commissioned through an adequately funded local enhanced service.
Read the joint BMA and RCGP position statement on Inclisiran.

General Practitioner's Defence Fund (GPDF) AGM

The AGM included a presentation of the impact audit commissioned to assess the effectiveness of the Deed of Grant with the BMA. It was agreed to pay the discretionary element of the Deed of Grant (12.5% of the inflation uplifted total for 2026). The voluntary levy will be increased to 5p per patient from April 2026.

LMC Conference - England

Will be taking place in November 2025

GP Premises Survey 2025: Summary of Findings

The BMA's latest survey of nearly 2,000 GPs and Practice Managers revealed serious concerns about the state of GP premises in England. Half of respondents reported their buildings as unsuitable for current needs, and over 80% of buildings will not meet future demands. Space shortages are affecting staff wellbeing, training, and the integration of new roles under Primary Care Networks within practice teams. A quarter of respondents reported having been invoiced with inaccurate service charges and less than half of these had been resolved.

NHS Pension Scheme - End of year pensions certificates 2024/25

Please look out for an email from PCSE no-reply@pcsengland.co.uk with the subject of 'Your NHS Pension Record – Action required'.

Significant event reporting - LFPSE has replaced Datix

Although practices will have internal processes, you can also use the national LFPSE platform for wider system incidents. Register here.

Local update

Advice and guidance

Payments – in order for the Leeds system to claim its share of the resources for the national advice and guidance pilot, advice and guidance requests in general practice **need to be coded**. A searchable code that many Leeds practices are using is "Choose and book advice and guidance request XaYv5 or 820641000000100". Practices should submit monthly claims through CQRS

LTHT Pilot – as part of outpatient transformation work, Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust will be piloting use of the national eRS platform for advice and guidance requests **from November 2025** for the following specialities: cardiology, dermatology, rheumatology and urology. AccuRX email for these specialties will be switched off during the pilot.

Mind the Gap – update

Leeds LMC are still working on closing local commissioning gaps. To support your patients, please see the "what to expect from your specialist appointment" information on our website and display our interface poster in your surgery and on your website. BMA template letters and the Leeds LMC letter on prescribing have been updated.

Local enhanced services (LES)

Leeds LMC is **gathering views** from practices to inform negotiations on locally enhanced services in Leeds for 2026/27. Please review the BMA list and contact us with your views on mail@leedslmc.org.
Please continue to copy in the trust emails to any Mind the Gap letters sent: LTHT – leedsth-tr.refusals@nhs.net, LCH – lch.refusals@nhs.net, LYPFT – lypft.primarycare.refusals@nhs.net.

EPS update- St Gemma's Hospice

As a direct result of collective action, LMC officers worked with St Gemma's Hospice to support them to progress towards EPS functionality. In a recent letter from St Gemma's Hospice to practices it was confirmed that there will be a full rollout to the Community Team by the end of October.

GP Assembly

This will be a face to face event on Wednesday 5th November 12:30 – 16:30pm.

NASGP Locum Deck Leeds LMC would like to encourage practices to consider using NASGP Locum Deck to book locums. Book directly with the locum, no agency in the middle, no charge to practices. More information at https://www.nasgp.org.uk/for-practices/locumdeck/

Patches Online Consultation Platform now has AI care navigator, Urgency AI and AI translator functionality. Click here for more information and for help setting it up, email support@patchs.ai

DALs – interpreting service

The email address for providing feedback to DALS is feedback@dals.co.uk. They will need the date, time and practice in order to investigate.

Sessional GPs

BMA sessional GPs newsletter
News from the National Association of Sessional GPs

GP Training

Representation of GP Educators working for NHS England

The BMA is aware of the potential impact of the proposed abolition of NHS England on GPs working for NHS England as educators, training programme directors and associate deans. The

Chair of the Medical Academic Staff Committee has offered to meet with those affected and to provide an update on developments. If you would be interested in attending the meeting and receiving updates from MASC and the NHS England Local Negotiating Committee about the issues, please email your details to info.masc@bma.org.uk

Thinking of becoming a training practice?

If your practice is interested in becoming a training practice see here for more information, then submit your initial application on PARE Apply to become a GP Trainer or Dental Educational Supervisor linking it to simon.hall21@nhs.net if in Leeds.

Support and wellbeing

The BMA have launched the **GP support hub** - dedicated resources and support for GPs whether you are overstretched or struggling to find work.

A range of wellbeing and support services are available to doctors, and we encourage anybody who is feeling under strain to seek support, such as the BMA's counselling and peer support services, NHS practitioner health service and non-medical support services such as Samaritans. The organisation Doctors in Distress also provides mental health support for health workers in the UK. We have produced a poster with 10 top tips to help support the wellbeing of you and your colleagues.
The Cameron Fund supports GPs and their families in times of financial need and the RCGP also has information on GP wellbeing support.
Visit the BMA's wellbeing support services page or call 0330 123 1245 for wellbeing support.

GPMplus

GPMplus Wellbeing Support Services
Free mentoring from GPMplus

Surveys

NHSE GP IT systems survey - The Clinical Systems Experience Survey for General Practice is now live, designed to understand how digital tools are working across general practice - the survey is open to all staff working in general practice who use clinical systems. It runs from 22 September until 16 November 2025.

Research

The Leeds Digital My Arm Pain Programme NIHR study is recruiting for patients with elbow, wrist or hand pain. Please see the recruitment poster (attachment B)

BMA resources

The BMA's GP campaign webpage
GPCE Safe Working Guidance Handbook
Read more about the work of GPC England and practical guidance for GP practices
See the latest update on X @BMA_GP and read about BMA in the media

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Practice vacancies at https://leedslmc.org/job-vacancies/

New useful documents on www.leedslmc.org

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