



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

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Help us grow our audience - LMC Distribution list

We would like to grow our LMC audience. If you know any GPs or PMs in your practice that don't receive this Brieflet and/or is not on our distribution list, please ask them to [get in touch with us!](#)

2024-25 GP Contract Referendum – England - Join the BMA GPC webinars to find out more

The BMA GPC England has rejected the 2024/25 GP contract changes. The contract will now be put to BMA members in a referendum. The referendum cannot prevent the Government from choosing to impose their changes to the contract, but it will send a strong signal as to how the profession feels about a potential third successive contractual imposition by Government and where to collectively go next. Find out more about the current contract changes [here](#).

So you can feel fully informed before you vote, the BMA GPC are holding a series of webinars and will publish a set of iterative FAQs so you can read and reflect with your practice colleagues. FAQs will be updated the more feedback is received. Practice Managers are welcome to attend the webinars.

What to expect:

- A presentation from GPC England Officers outlining the context of the 2024/25 contract and what it means both for your practice, and you as a GP. A summary of next steps and the choice BMA GP members will need to make in the referendum
- A roadmap of what the months ahead may look like
- The opportunity to have your questions answered – please send your questions in advance to gpreferendum@bma.org.uk

Webinar dates, times and Microsoft Teams joining links:

North West: Thursday 14th March 12.30 - 14.00 [Microsoft Teams link](#)

National Catch-Up: Thursday 21st March

12.30 - 14.00 [Microsoft Teams link](#)

19.30 - 21.00 [Microsoft Teams link](#)

These webinars will NOT be recorded, so please attend the regional slot, or a national catch-up session. The referendum opened Thursday 7th March and closes midday Wednesday 27th March.

How you vote will determine the next steps as a profession.

To take part in the referendum you must be a BMA member. You should have received an email with a unique voting link. New members must join by 21st March to vote and have your say on this contract imposition in England. If you're a BMA member who's still not got a voting link in your junk/inbox please email gpreferendum@bma.org.uk.

The fight to save general practice in England starts here, because if not now, when? Join the BMA today to have your say – [join](#).





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LMC Complaints Support

Please see [the following video](#) where our Complaints lead, Jess Tomlinson, covers the support offer available from the LMC for practice staff across Lancashire & Cumbria. [Please get in touch to find out more.](#)

Rebuild General Practice - Patient engagement toolkit

The Rebuild General Practice team have launched a patient engagement toolkit – a collection of materials that will help GPs to convey the crisis in general practice to their patients.

Find all the materials here: <https://rebuildgp.co.uk/campaign-assets/patient-engagement-toolkit>

1. 👤 Ask your patients and/or friends to join Rebuild General Practice in calling on government to fix the crisis, using the templates in the toolkit (MP letter, social posts, etc.)
2. 📺 Display the patient engagement animation on the screens in your surgery to show patients the reality of the crisis and let them know how they can help.
3. 📱 Share social media thread – and post your own: [Rebuild General Practice - GP social media posts - Google Docs](#)
4. 📧 Encourage GPs and colleagues in general practice to do the same by sharing materials with them.

Rebuild General Practice is all about unity. That's unity within the profession, unity within the NHS, and, crucially, unity with the wider public.

GPs and patients want the same thing – to give and receive the best care. No longer will we let the media and government pit us against each other.

Not everyone needs to see a GP - Poster

We have created the [attached poster](#) which you can share with your patients. The poster aims to raise patient awareness on how practices are operating.

Please see [our website](#) for more materials. If you have any ideas for infographics and/or posters you would like us to create - [please get in touch.](#)

LMC Vacancies

2 out of our 5 Committees have seats available for GP representation:

- Lancashire Coastal - 4 seats available
- North Cumbria - 2 seats available

We are keen to hear from GPs, including 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.

