



West Pennine

Local Medical Committee

Representing and supporting GPs in
Glossop, Oldham & Tameside

March 2025 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



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Dr Alan Dow, Secretary/
GM GPC Representative



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LMC meeting – 11th March 2025

The committee met on Tuesday 11th March at 7pm at GTD Healthcare in Denton. The 2025-26 GP contract which has been cautiously accepted by the BMA's GP Committee was discussed. Two main challenges will be resurfacing – Pharmacists will have the ability to write into the GP record via the GP connect functionality, and web access is to be made available from 8am – 6.30pm. Whilst the BMA's GP Committee is no longer officially in dispute with the government, GP Collective Action will continue and GPs are expected to continue pushing back on unfunded work, with the BMA's safe working guidance still fully relevant. [Safe Working Guidance Handbook](#)

The committee went on to discuss the ongoing issues with the pathology laboratory at Tameside Hospital, flagging the fact that some of the historical data in GP records now needs correcting. Ben Squires, GM ICB's Primary Care Lead is fully aware that many practices have a significant amount of work in correcting the data.

2025-2026 GP contract

The BMA's GP Committee England is the nationally recognised body that oversees contract negotiations, and they have agreed the 2025-26 GP contract in principle. The 2025-26 contract includes new investment of £969m on top of the £433m invested in the autumn of last year, totalling over £1.4bn investment since July 2024. You can read more about the changes here: www.bma.org.uk/GPcontract and in this [video](#) Dr Katie Bramall Stainer, Chair of GPCE, talks about the new contract.

Pushback to Inappropriate workload transfer template letters

You may wish to edit/ use the following template letters to reject inappropriate secondary care provider workload transfer to your practice: [Pushing back on inappropriate workload \(bma.org.uk\)](http://bma.org.uk)

Retirement

If any GPs are retiring from your practice are due to retire, please do let us know so we can acknowledge their service to General Practice. westpennine.lmc@nhs.net

Recruitment adverts

The West Pennine LMC is happy to share any GP practice recruitment adverts via the LMC's website. Please contact Jane at westpennine.lmc@nhs.net if you wish to advertise a position at your practice.

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Data Protection Office Update

GM Care Record

The GM Care Record continues to grow and evolve, and there are now over 2300 EPaCCs records and 3000+ Heart failure Care Plans on the GMCR.

There is a suite of updated Information Governance documents, including an updated DPIA (Data Protection Impact Assessment) which I have reviewed on behalf of practices. The GMCR team are planning to hold a series of stakeholder events over the next couple of months to explain the changes. These changes include the fact that it is the GM ICB who hold the contract with Graphnet; previously it was the Northern Care Alliance.

If you have any queries about the GM Care Record, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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