

LMC Committee April 2022- Update for practices

Lincolnshire LMC representative members meet with the secretariate monthly to obtain updates on progress from the previous month, hear from invited guest speakers, discuss relevant events, issues, and hot topics, and make decisions regarding future actions.

The table below is intended to inform you about the main points provided to the LMC Committee during the last meeting.

Topic	Update
Rebuild General Practice Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign information and resources have been shared with practices – for more information go to www.linclmc.co.uk/rebuildgeneralpractice • Practices are encouraged to use the resources available to inform patients about the good work that practices do to improve the public perception. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If your practice would like to get more involved in the campaign, please contact rosa.wyldeman@nhs.net. ○ More resources can be sent, and training can be arranged about how to talk to your patients and the media.
Covid-19	FAQ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete refresh of FAQ document has taken place LMC website
	COVID Vaccine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to vaccine schedule regularly updated and available at https://future.nhs.uk/CovidVaccinations/view?objectId=31770448 • Spring Booster programme underway
Flu 2022	NHS England and NHS Improvement has published guidance about reimbursable vaccines and eligible cohorts for the 2022/23 flu vaccination programme.
STP/ CCG	ICS development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns raised by LMC regarding GP representation to ICS board. • Similar concerns also raised by Pharmacy, Dentistry, and Optometry colleagues • Meeting with John Turner and 4PPC being arranged LMC working with PCNA regarding draft framework for GP representation in ICB. Awaited.
	Protected Learning Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCG moving forward with reintroducing PLT to the county for all practice roles. • Likely to be organised by Lincolnshire Training Hub with support of the LMC • CCG keen to get GP/ practice input regarding how and what training should be offered. • Looking at hybrid delivery to maximise access for all staff. • Also looking at GP and reception cover and funding possibilities. • Still very early stages so no timeline yet.
	Planned care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual consultations discussed at Planned Care and Diagnostic Cell. Issues raised by multiple GPs about the impact this has on patients and practices. Processes for prescriptions and tests to be organised now being looked into. • CCG and ULHT working on current contracting round- LMC suggested having EPS as a contractual requirement. • Various specialties have particularly long waiting lists: colorectal, dermatology, ENT, and neurology. Recovery plans in place.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ULHT is trying to recover from the backlog that has been building during the covid-19 pandemic. This has not been helped by the arson attack at Lincoln County Hospital following which the DEXA has been condemned along with one of the CT scanners and MRI cells. Appointments are being offered at alternative sites as well as additional transport.
	<p>Clinical Pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing wrangling regarding rolling out gastro, rheumatology, breast, dermatology pathways as no protected learning time to educate general practice teams about them. Referral form for A&E for practices to embed into clinical systems
	<p>Estates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCNs have submitted estates plans.
	<p>111 First</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor trauma pathway is in development, update awaited from CCG
	<p>Practice resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice Support Task Force: The CCG have funded the LMC to provide a 'Practice Support Team'. This team will provide support to practices currently experiencing difficulties or practices heading into difficulties. This has been introduced in April 22. Practices requiring support should contact the LMC, info@lincsllmc.co.uk. GPAS: LMC has introduced the General Practice Alert State. Currently part way through a pilot for which twelve practices signed up. LMC will go live with GPAS across the county at the beginning of May. This will build a picture of how general practice is doing and provide anonymous evidence to the CCG. Recruitment: Lincs LMC will be running a speed networking event for practices with vacancies to meet with GP trainees and GPs who are looking for employment in Lincolnshire. This will be held on 29th June in Sleaford. Go to the LMC website to book.
	<p>Enhanced services/DCAs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LMC Committee feedback has been provided regarding treatment room, leg ulcer, and complex wound ES. Financial modelling awaited.
PCNs	<p>PCN DES and IIF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions regarding EA as main concern. Practices can opt out of PCN DES until end of April.
Palliative and End of Life Care	<p>ReSPECT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New ReSPECT form being introduced which guides more regarding ReSPECT conversation Training package being developed to improve quality of ReSPECT
CQC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routine CQC inspections re-started on 1 April 2022. Initially the focus will be around practices deemed as high risk & new providers, (CQC band 3). CQC will also be randomly inspecting a percentage of practices (in CQC band 1) to sample those practices not considered at risk. These inspections will be done with two weeks' notice. Annual CQC phone calls will continue. Previously, these were done by local inspectors however they will now be carried out by a central team and the information will be passed to the local team to decide whether to inspect. CQC are working with Ardens to provide a new set of standardised searches for EMIS & S1. These searches should be available in July 2022 & will be provided free of charge for practices to use.
Pharmacy	<p>GP Community Pharmacy Consultation Scheme (GPCPS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding received from CCG for GPCPS & use of PharmOutcomes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Manager appointed – Stuart Hellen PharmOutcomes pilot has been very successful, with 100% acceptance rate from pharmacies. <p>Discharge Medical Service (DMS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delayed until December 2022
Primary Secondary Care Interface	<p>EMAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> System CQC inspection has taken place that included EMAS control room, outcome awaited In March ambulances spent 17,000 hours parked awaiting hospital intake Month on month survival rates are increasing for out of hospital cardiac arrests
	<p>LCHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blood tests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still working through routes for community teams to have access to their own requested tests, these should not be coming to practices Trainee sessions at UTCs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only 55% of available training slots actually booked by trainees, so these are being under-utilised. A2A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practices should not need to complete A2A forms for non-injectable items but are still being asked to do this. Practices can use SystmOne template for A2A instead of paper form. Working with LCHS to get similar process for EMIS practices.
Councils	<p>Coroner/Medical examiner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covid death certification regulations end on 31st March 2022. However new regulations come into force which allow death certification if deceased seen by a medical practitioner in the 28 days preceding death. LMC unsure whether cremation regulations also amended but will update practices when this is understood. CME roll out hampered by IT/Governance issues.
	<p>Health Checks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health checks not paused, or payment protected. LA awaiting National steer regarding this.
Child protection	<p>Safeguarding funding proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCG have not agreed funding proposal for safeguarding reports. Practices should continue to invoice CCG for “hours worked” when completing safeguarding reports or attending safeguarding conferences. <p>Liberty safeguards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transition from DOLS to Liberty Protection Safeguards postponed, no date for introduction published
First 5	<p>East Midlands First 5 Conference Tuesday 17th May 2022 at Leicester Marriott Hotel free for First5 GPs.</p>
Trainees	<p>Recruitment speed networking event taking place on the evening of 29th June GP trainees can book here There will also be information available about funding for Tier 2 sponsor practices at this event.</p>
LMC Practice Calls/ Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LMC continues to make courtesy calls to practices offer support and gather feedback. LMC sent an email reminder to all practices so that they expect a call and we have received a good number of responses arranging calls at specific times.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAQs & weekly updates continue to be well received and feedback about the LMC is generally very positive. • LMC have restarted practice visits. If your practice would like the LMC to join a clinical or team meetings, please contact info@lincsllmc.co.uk
Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take-30 is a service available to all practice staff providing support to work through daily challenges. This is a useful resource that practice managers can signpost practice staff to. Call 01522 576659 to arrange your call. • Impact Lincs is the LMCs Mentoring & Coaching service available to all practice staff. Email: info@lincsllmc.co.uk to request the service. • Wellbeing pages available on LMC website, including many self-help resources as well as directories to wellbeing organisations and charities. • Live Life to the Full: Free online courses covering low mood, stress and resilience. Work out why you feel as you do, how to tackle problems, build confidence, get going again, feel happier, stay calm, tackle upsetting thinking and more. Courses are free for all Lincolnshire General Practice Staff.
LMC Development Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses for 2022 are available via the LMC website • New LMC Podcasts covering a wide range of both clinical and non-clinical topics. <p>In progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LMC Committee podcast ○ Practice manager podcast ○ Practice staff with special interests' podcast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A wide range of educational webinars are also available via the LMC website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New dermatology & cardiology webinars in the pipeline. <p>SAVE THE DATES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 29th June: Speed networking and recruitment event at The Agra, Sleaford. (Evening) • Friday 15th July: Covid-19 recognition and reflection event at the Lincolnshire Showground. (Evening) • Thursday 13th and Friday 14th October: Lincolnshire Practice Manager Conference at the Belton Woods Hotel. (2 Days) • Wednesday 30th November: LMC GP Conference at the Belton Woods Hotel. (Full day)
Lincolnshire GP Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LMC has started Lincolnshire GP Society. The next meeting will be taking place on Thursday 5th May 2022 in Louth, Sleaford and Lincoln. • This meeting will be focussing on GP Pensions, there will be a short, pre-recorded session and a live Q&A with our speaker. If you have specific questions relating to GP Pensions, please feel free to send it to us in advance so we can find the answer for you. • Dinner included. • If you have not already booked, please email info@lincsllmc.co.uk to secure your place. Please ensure you let us know which location you will be attending and if you have any special dietary requirements.
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The Cameron Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cameron Fund is a charity that supports GPs and their families facing financial difficulties by providing interest free loans and grants. • Approximately one Lincolnshire GP is referred to the Cameron Fund charity every 6 months. • The Committee has made a donation as the Lincolnshire LMC had not contributed in recent years.
Lincolnshire Training Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPN & HCA Conference taking place on Wednesday 25th May 2022.
GPC Update	<p>Provided by our GPC representative, Dr Kieran Sharrock; representing Lincolnshire, East Yorkshire and Humberside GPs at the GPC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Safety Campaign: This is a campaign that looks at safe working. If your GPs are seeing more than thirty patients a day, it is likely they are making bad decisions and prescribing inappropriate medications. The safety campaign is running alongside the Rebuild GP Campaign. According to the GPC, based on data regarding how many times a patient record is opened compared to the GPAD data, GPs are doing 70% more decision making work than just mapped appointments. This campaign looks at three points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ARRS staff, although the funding covers the ARRS staff member's wage, it does not pay for the national insurance contribution or the GPs time supervising the staff member and it does not pay for the Practice or HR Managers' time. ○ Enhanced health in care homes: Does this actually prevent hospital admissions or is it more work than the benefit to the practice? ○ Extended access: Currently this is being delivered mostly by practices who receive seven pounds forty-six funding for providing the service. In October it will be delivered by PCNs and it is likely to be more restrictive and more work. <p>GPC recommends that practices seriously consider whether the PCN DES is beneficial to them. If practices say to the LMC that they are considering resigning from the PCN DES then this can be fed back to NHS England and that may be enough to instigate some flexibility regarding how practices use ARRS funding and how to offer appointments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee discussed how practices can work together to instigate change and proposed meeting with the CCG to discuss safe working. • If you would like more information about the Safe Working Campaign, please contact info@lincslmc.co.uk
GPAD appointment mapping	<p>Committee discussed GPAD in relation to what should be recorded and how to reflect the real workload. LMC agreed to develop more training for practices focussing on what should be recorded and how, as well as how to interpret the data.</p>