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FEATURED ARTICLE: DDRB UPLIFT

The Government has announced it has accepted the recommendations of the 2024 DDRB Report. For the first year since the 2019/20 – 2023/24 multi-year deal, the DDRB has made recommendations in relation to both GP contractors / partners and salaried colleagues.

- NHS England/DHSC have now finalised how the DDRB Award of 6% for Contractors will be implemented.
- The aggregate rise in the 2024/25 GS (Global Sum) payment per weighted patient will be 7.4% (topping up the April 2024 2% GS uplift to reach this year's DDRB Award).
- This results in a new GS payment per weighted patient of £112.50 – an increase of £7.77 compared to 2023/24. The OOHs deduction remains at 4.75% and in absolute terms this will change from £4.97 to £5.34, aligning with the total uplift of 7.4%.
- The value of each QOF point increase relates to the Contractor Population Index; the average practice list size rose to 9,964 on 1/1/24 and the QOF point value in 2024/25 will therefore be £220.62 compared with £213.43 in 2023/24 (an increase of 3.4%).
- The DDRB has also recommended a 6% increase to GP sessional colleagues' salary scales from 1 April 2024 (please see notes in GPC letter).



Article written by Kate Pilton, Chief Operating Officer , Lincolnshire LMC
Date 27/08/2024

PRACTICE FINANCE SURVEY – SUMMER 2024

The BMA are inviting practices in England to complete their Practice Finance survey. The aim is to build evidence for the GPC England team to support the annual contract negotiations.

We appreciate how hard the past few months have been for GP contractors and their managers. This is your opportunity to feed into an evidence base demonstrating the impact of inflation and rising costs, over the last couple of years, on GP practices across England.

The survey will be close at 9am, Tuesday 17 September.

BMA recommend that respondents have relevant information to hand before starting the survey: they will need GP practice accounts for 2022/23 and 2023/24, expenditure data for April 2023 and April 2024, and information on staff numbers and practice list size.

Take the survey: <https://www.research.net/r/H9CYXCP>



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DATA REQUEST FOR CLOUD BASED TELEPHONY STATISTICS



You will have received in your practice a request to share telephony data due to a Data Provision Notice. This email will have been sent to the main practice contact registered with the CQC.

GPC have received additional documentation and messaging from NHSE on this issue. David Wrigley and Mark Coley met NHSE yesterday on the topic. They were given 24hrs notice of the data request and documentation associated with it.



The GPC are now analysing the information they have been sent and will issue a further update with more information. At the present time they ask that you defer making a decision this week and await further communication from them.

BMA SESSIONAL GP CONFERENCE 2024: DIVERSITY, OPPORTUNITY, SAFETY

A conference for sessional GPs is happening at BMA House and online on 20 September. It's free for members, but non-members can also attend.

This event will give you information and updates on topical issues including future models of general practice and establishing professional relationships with new clinical roles such as ARRS staff and PAs. Breakout groups will provide practical advice and guidance on a choice of topics in smaller groups.

[Check out the details of the day and register your place here](#)



Articles written by Kate Pilton, Chief Operating Officer , Lincolnshire LMC
Date 23/08/2024 & 27/08/2024

BMA COLLECTIVE ACTION GUIDANCE FOR SALARIED AND LOCUM COLLEAGUES

BMA have produced information for salaried and locum colleagues around GP collective action.

As practices across Lincolnshire begin to undertake actions, this guidance may be useful to understand what you need to be aware of and discuss in your practice.

Follow the link below for the BMA guidance documents.



<https://www.bma.org.uk/our-campaigns/gp-campaigns/contracts/guidance-for-gp-collective-action>



Article written by Dr Reid Baker, Medical Director , Lincolnshire LMC
Date: 28/08/2024



RESPONSE TO THE INTERIM FINDINGS OF THE DASH REVIEW INTO CQC'S OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS



After the Cabinet Office and Department of Health and Social Care published the interim findings of their review into CQC's effectiveness earlier this week, Kate Terroni, Interim Chief Executive of the Care Quality Commission (CQC) has published a letter in response.

The letter outlined the CQC's acceptance of the recommendations and provided key areas of improvement.

Terroni also apologised for the CQCs past mistakes and is now committed to rebuilding trust through partnership and transparency with providers and patients.

Full summary below:

<https://www.lincslmc.co.uk/response-to-the-interim-findings-of-the-dash-review-into-cqcs-operational-effectiveness/>

GUIDANCE FOR GP SURGERIES ON PATIENTS RECORDINGS CONSULTATIONS

Guidance has been developed to assist GP surgeries in navigating the growing trend of patients requesting to record consultations. With patients increasingly using smartphones and other devices to record their interactions with healthcare professionals, it's important to establish clear practices that respect both patient rights and doctor privacy.

Our guidance consolidates advice from the General Medical Council (GMC), the British Medical Association (BMA), and the Medical Defence Union (MDU) to provide practical recommendations for handling recording requests in a manner that maintains trust and professionalism in the doctor-patient relationship.

For further details, this guidance draws on insights from the [BMA's article](#) on patient recordings, and the MDU's perspectives on [recording consultations](#) and handling [covert recordings](#).

Areas covered in the document:

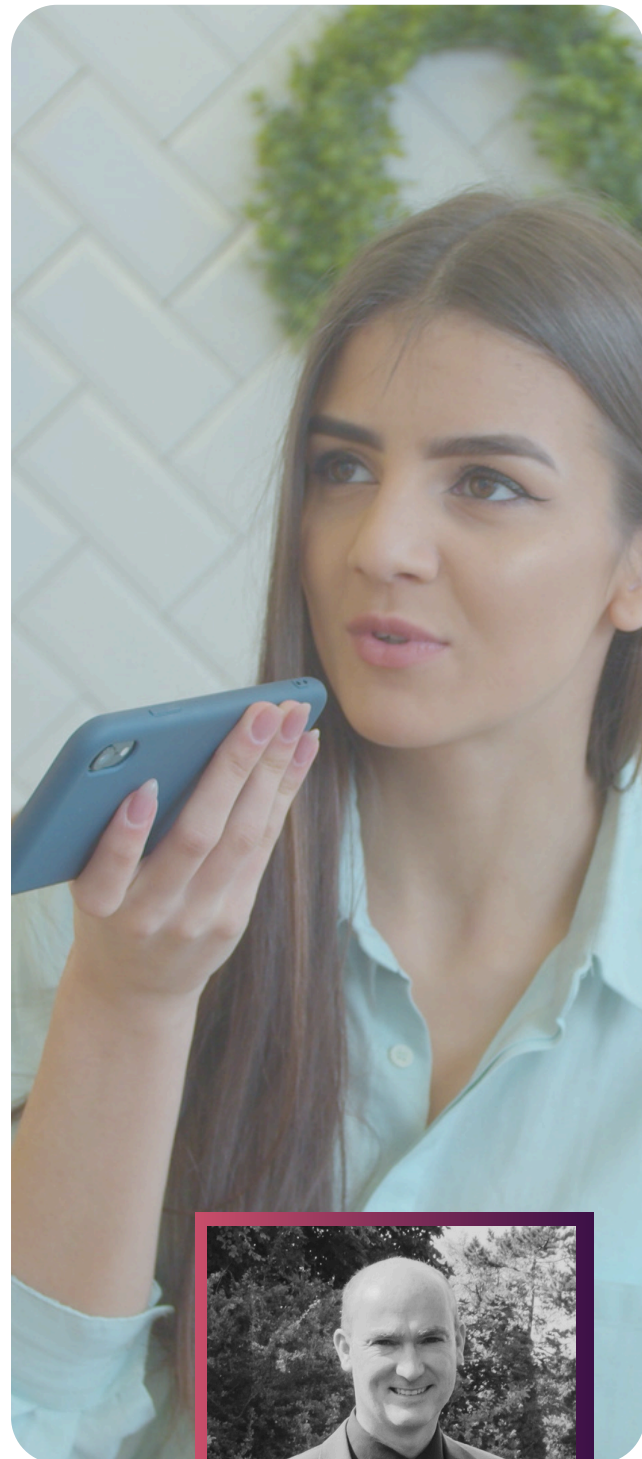
- Encouraging Open Recording:
 - Support for Recordings
 - Patient Rights
 - Doctor's Privacy
- Handling Recording Requests:
 - Responding to Requests
 - Addressing Concerns
- Dealing with Covert Recordings:
 - Professional Conduct
 - Continuing Care
- Legal Considerations:
 - GMC Expectations
 - MDU Advice

Please follow the below link to see the full guidance:

www.lincslmc.co.uk/guidance-for-gp-surgeries-on-patient-recordings/



Article written by Nick Turner, Practice Support Officer, Lincolnshire LMC | Date 27/08/2024



AUGUST 2024 GMS CONTRACT VARIATION NOTICES

ICBs will be sending out Contract Variation Notices for signature, if they have not already done so. We have had quite a few GPs and PMs asking if the LMC or GPC England have “approved” this change, or if it is “OK” to sign the contract variation.

This is a nationally imposed change. Your Union, the BMA, has announced a period of Collective Action. The current imposed GMS contract and associated funding is widely seen as inadequate to deliver 21st century General Practice.

Therefore, practices may (at any time, but particularly during Collective Action) opt NOT to sign the Contract Variation Notice. Signing may be seen as acceptance or even endorsement of the deal NHSE has imposed.

As always, these imposed GMS contract variations will take effect 14 days from the date they are served on the practice, regardless of whether or not the practice signs.

Not signing is a small but potentially useful message back to NHSE, and it will not harm patients or alter your services or funding in any way.

We will support any practice who chooses not to participate in “signing” an imposed contract.



Articles written by Kate Pilton, Chief Operating Officer , Lincolnshire LMC | Date: 28/08/2024

NATIONAL MEDICAL EXAMINER'S GUIDANCE FOR ENGLAND AND WALES



Following regulations laid in Parliament in April 2024, the Death Certification Reforms come into force on 9 September 2024 (see the end of this summary for details of the regulations). From this date, all deaths in England and Wales will be independently reviewed, either by a coroner where they have a duty to investigate, or by a medical examiner.

Standards for medical examiners are set by the National Medical Examiner for England and Wales, who is appointed by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care. This document, effective from 9 September 2024, sets out these standards, and provides guidance for implementing them and signposts to resources.

Medical examiners are senior doctors who, in the period before a death is registered (5 days), provide independent scrutiny of deaths in England and Wales not investigated by a coroner. Normally they work in this role in addition to their normal clinical duties, but will not have provided care for people whose deaths they review.

Medical examiners, supported by medical examiner officers, are based in local medical examiner offices. In England each medical examiner office has a lead medical examiner providing overall leadership to the office, and in Wales the Lead Medical Examiner for Wales has this role. In addition, NHS England employs regional medical examiners to provide regional leadership and guidance.

Medical examiners address 3 key questions:

- what did the person die from? Ensuring accuracy of the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death
- does the death need to be reported to a coroner? Ensuring timely and accurate notification in line with statutory requirements and guidance
- are there any clinical governance concerns? Ensuring the relevant referral is made where appropriate

The relevant regulations are:

[The Medical Certificate of Cause of Death Regulations 2024](#)

[The Medical Examiners \(Wales\) Regulations 2024](#)

[The Medical Examiners \(England\) Regulations 2024](#)

[The National Medical Examiner \(Add. Functions\) Regulations 2024](#)



To view our full guidance, please follow the link below:

<https://www.lincslmc.co.uk/national-medical-examiners-guidance-for-england-and-wales/>



Article written by Nick Turner, Practice Support Officer, Lincolnshire LMC | Date 12/08/2024

NEW LINCOLNSHIRE GENERAL PRACTICE APPOINTMENT INFOGRAPHIC

Appointments in Lincolnshire General Practice July 2024

Last month Lincolnshire's GP surgeries completed:

512K appointments

24% more appointments than in July 2023

**57% were face-to-face
appointments: 293K**

**58% were within 24 hours of
contact: 298K**

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Source of data: NHS Digital

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Using the information provided by NHS digital we have created infographics detailing how many appointments were made each month by Lincolnshire General Practices, how many were face-to-face and how many were within 24 hours of contact.

These can be shared via your practice's social media.
All of our general practice infographics can be found here:
<https://www.lincslmc.co.uk/infographics>

In addition to the Appointments infographics, we also create useful infographics with information to help your patients care for themselves at home and inform patients of key services.



Do you have an idea for a useful infographic?

If you would like us to create an infographic that will be helpful for Lincolnshire general practices to share with their patients, please email us at info@lincslmc.co.uk



Infographic created by Laura Harrison, Lincolnshire LMC
Data published by NHS digital: 29/08/2024



Take - 30 Service

Don't lock your feeling away, call or email the Take-30 service to arrange a confidential conversation, we are here to listen.



Mentoring & Coaching

Available free of charge for all Lincolnshire General Practice Staff



USEFUL LINKS

Training resources:

- [Lincolnshire Training Hub](#)
- [E-Learning for Health \(e-LfH\)](#)
- [NB Medical Education](#)
- [GP Forum CPD Opportunities](#)

Wellbeing Resources:

- [10 Top Tips Wellbeing Poster](#)
- [LMC Wellbeing page](#)

Networking:

- [Lincoln Medical Society](#)

Newsletters:

- [NHS people promise bulletins](#)
- [Sessional GPs e-newsletter](#)
- [GP Weekly Bulletin \(England\)](#)
- [GP Trainee Newsletter](#)
- [Practice Manager Association News](#)

Buying Group:

- [Latest LMC Buying Group Update](#)



VACANCIES IN LINCOLNSHIRE GENERAL PRACTICE

[VIEW ALL VACANCIES HERE](#)

[EMAIL US YOUR JOB LISTINGS](#)



Salaried GP | Bassingham Surgery

BASSINGHAM SURGERY
BASSINGHAM, LINCOLN

SALARY
Competitive salary and benefits package

CLOSING DATE
21 September 2024



Salaried GP | Woodland Medical Practice

WOODLAND MEDICAL PRACTICE
LINCOLN

SALARY
Competitive

CLOSING DATE
30 September 2024



Cancer Care Coordinator | Boston Primary Care Network

BOSTON PRIMARY CARE NETWORK
BOSTON

SALARY
£23,386 a year

CLOSING DATE
8 September 2024



Advanced Nurse Practitioner or Clinical Practitioner | Caythorpe & Ancaster Medical Practice

CAYTHORPE & ANCASTER MEDICAL PRACTICE
GRANTHAM

SALARY
Competitive dependant on experience



PCN Team Coordinator (PT) | Boston Primary Care Network

BOSTON PRIMARY CARE NETWORK
BOSTON

SALARY
£23,386 a year Pro rata

CLOSING DATE
1 September 2024



Advanced Nurse Practitioner | Bassingham Surgery

BASSINGHAM SURGERY
BASSINGHAM, LINCOLN

SALARY
Depending on experience

CLOSING DATE
27 September 2024



Salaried GP | Lindum Medical Practice

LINDUM MEDICAL PRACTICE
LINCOLN

SALARY
Competitive

CLOSING DATE
31 August 2024



Advanced Nurse Practitioner | Caskgate Street Surgery

CASKGATE STREET SURGERY
GAINSBOROUGH

SALARY
Competitive

CLOSING DATE
30 September 2024



Practice Nurse | Church Walk Surgery

CHURCH WALK SURGERY
METHERINGHAM, LINCOLN

SALARY
Negotiable and subject to experience.

CLOSING DATE
14 September 2024



Health Care Assistant | Welby Group – New Coningsby Surgery

NEW CONINGSBY SURGERY
LINCOLN

SALARY
£11.64 per hour

CLOSING DATE
14 September 2024



Practice Manager | Market Cross Surgery

MARKET CROSS SURGERY - CORBY GLEN
CORBY GLEN

SALARY
Dependant on experience

CLOSING DATE
30 August 2024



Salaried GP | Caskgate Street Surgery

CASKGATE STREET SURGERY
GAINSBOROUGH

SALARY
Competitive

CLOSING DATE
30 September 2024

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