



July 2025 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



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LMC meeting – Tuesday 8th July 2025

The committee met on Tuesday 8th July 2025 via Teams. Alice Davies & Marie Busuttil – Northern Care Alliance Palliative Care Leads, joined the meeting to flag changes in the process associated with End-of-Life care. They were happy to listen to and take on board the workload pressures facing GPs. The committee went on to discuss the ongoing significant IT issues in Tameside & Glossop. It was agreed that we will again write to the IT provider, T&G ICFT, to flag how very disruptive the IT issues are, affecting clinicians and administrative teams meaning they are unable to work effectively. In the last few weeks alone, huge amounts of valuable time have been lost. LMC representatives discussed the Mind the Gap campaign, which commenced in Tameside & Glossop on July 1st, and is set to be implemented in Oldham from September 1st, 2025. Other localities in GM and nationally have seen great success with their campaigns – highlighting and addressing commissioning gaps. By focusing on fulfilling contracted work only, GPs are able to provide safer and better-quality care for patients, as well as helping to build resilience into GPs' day to day working life.

NHS 10 Year plan

The UK Government has published its [10 Year Health Plan](#) setting out a range of reforms due to take place over the next decade. Much of the plan describes significant impact upon general practice, with the proposal for 'neighbourhood health services' – which are expected to see general practice and other services co-located in new centres, some of which may be run by acute trusts. The BMA has produced an initial [summary of the plan](#), with more detailed analysis to follow.

What the 10 Year Health Plan says on some priority issues in General Practice:

- Reaffirming the commitment to bring back the family doctor and end the '8am scramble' for appointments
- Broad aim to train thousands more GPs and to shift the emphasis of overall NHS recruitment into primary care.
- The traditional partnership model will be retained where it is working well - but also seeks to set alternative 'neighbourhood health' models, delivering at-scale services over larger areas.
- Reform of the Carr-Hill alongside wider shifts in funding, to areas with disproportionate economic and health challenges.
- With the intent to free up GP capacity, the recommendations of the 'Red Tape Challenge' will be implemented, and technology like ambient 'AI Scribe' voice technology will be deployed.

MIND THE GAP national & local campaign

The BMA - GPC England's national dispute with Government is currently paused, following the acceptance of the 2025/26 contract agreement, with the promise to deliver a new contract within the life of this parliament. However, the national "Mind The Gap" campaign, has now superseded GP Collective Action – with the aim of enhancing patient care and safety by identifying and resolving ongoing commissioning gaps and inappropriate workload transfer.

This aligns with similar actions both nationally and across Greater Manchester, and reflects ongoing concerns raised in the Primary-Secondary Care Interface Group.

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MIND THE GAP in Oldham

On June 30th, 2025, we wrote to the following secondary care providers to give them 3 months' notice regarding the changes that the Mind the Gap campaign will introduce in Oldham on 1st September 2025: Northern Care Alliance, Tameside & Glossop Integrated Care Foundation Trust, Manchester Foundation Trust, Pennine Mental Health Foundation Trust, the District Nursing service, the podiatry service. We have attached a copy of the letter, which you may wish to share with the relevant clinical and administration team members at your practice, briefing them about the changes which are set to happen from September 1st, 2025. Nearer the time, we will share rejection of inappropriate workload transfer template letters to make the Mind the Gap campaign easier for you and your team.

MIND THE GAP in Tameside and in Glossop

In Glossop & Tameside the Mind the Gap campaign commenced on July 1st, 2025, with practices rejecting uncommissioned, non-contractual work, sending a clear message that General Practice will no longer fill commissioning gaps. Patient care and safety is at the heart of this campaign. We wrote to you on July 18th, 2025, with an update and a reminder to the secondary care providers that when we gave them 3 months' notice of the campaign, it was not a negotiation – it was a notification. We have attached a copy of the letter for ease of reference. Subsequent to the first interface meetings, which we continue to hold with T&GICFT, the Trust disseminated a synopsis to all Practices, that did not correctly reflect our position and our reply to that is also attached.

Glossop Practice Manager representative vacancy

We are looking to recruit a Glossop Practice Manager LMC representative from September 1st, 2025. Representatives are offered an attendance fee to attend the LMC meetings, which take place at 7pm on the second Tuesday of every month (apart from August), either via Teams or in person. If you feel you could represent the GP practices in Glossop, or if you require any further information about the role, please do get in touch with Jane Hill via the LMC office: Westpennine.lmc@nhs.net

The deadline for Expression of Interest is Thursday 31st July.

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Wellbeing resources for GPs

A range of wellbeing and support services are available to GPs, 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. The [Cameron Fund](#) supports GPs and their families in times of financial need and the [RCGP](#) also has information on GP wellbeing support.

The BMA's GP Committee have produced a [poster with 10 top tips](#) to help support the wellbeing of you and your colleagues Visit the BMA's [wellbeing support services page](#) or call [0330 123 1245](#) for wellbeing support.

Your LMC is of course here to support and represent you and you are very welcome to use the LMC as your first port of call: westpennine.lmc@nhs.net

Save the date!

The West Pennine LMC AGM is set to take place on Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 6.30pm at the Village Hotel, Ashton Under Lyne, OL7 0PG. As in past years, it's a great opportunity to take stock of where we are up to in "GP-Land" and celebrate success stories. All GPs and Practice Managers are very welcome, and it would be great to see you there!

GP of Note Awards

As in past years, at the AGM we will be recognising outstanding contributions to General Practice in the West Pennine area with GP of Note awards. If you would like to nominate a GP colleague for this award, please do contact the LMC office via westpennine.lmc@nhs.net

Secondary Care provider of note award

At this year's AGM, we are also going to recognise any outstanding secondary care providers working in the West Pennine locality. If there is an individual who has, for whatever reason, gone above and beyond, please do let us know: westpennine.lmc@nhs.net

Data Protection Office Update

GM ICS – changes to data sharing

GM ICS have recently shared information about proposed updates to the GM health and care data sharing arrangement, as well as supporting draft Information Governance documentation. On your behalf, I will be scrutinising the documents (attached for your information) and feeding back any concerns, or queries before the consultation deadline of 15th August. If you have any comments, which you want to feed into the system, please do contact me at jane.hilldpo@nhs.net

ACCURX issue

NHS England Information Governance Engagement Policy Lead contacted me to notify me that a practice in the West Pennine locality had been affected by a recent issue with SNOMED codes for the administration of a vaccine. Nationally, many practices have been included in batch messages sent by GP Practices using Accurx and saved to the patient's record. I have attached the relevant clinical risk notice.

As far as I'm aware, only the one practice, who I have been in touch with, has been affected. However, if you feel you need any further information about this incident, please do let me know or you can contact AccuRx on support@accurx.com

Referral of NHS England to ICO

[Following revelations](#) that data collected for COVID-19 purposes has been used in the training of an AI model called Foresight under the authority of NHSE; the BMA and RCGP via the Joint GP IT Committee urgently spoke with key stakeholders involved in the programme to ascertain the facts. Following this engagement and out of an abundance of caution, the BMA's GP Committee wrote to the ICO (Information Commissioners Office) to raise the facts of the case with them and to enable an appropriate response to be given by them in their capacity as regulator. The BMA's GP Committee will provide an update as soon as more information is available.

ROPA – Register of Processing Activities

In order to be compliant with the Data Protection legislation, all Data Controllers should have an up-to-date R.O.P.A. (Register of Processing Activities), as dictated by GDPR Article 30. If you need any support with your ROPA, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am happy to come out to your practice to support you with this piece of work if required. Jane.hilldpo@nhs.net

DCB0160

Please also be mindful that as GP Data Controller, you should be adhering to DCB01060 –a mandatory Clinical Safety Standard for public healthcare organisations who are purchasing and deploying any healthcare technology. Compliance with this safety standard is an element that CQC assesses practices on.

[NHS England » Digital clinical safety assurance](#)

Caldicott Guardian training

The UK Caldicott Guardian Council is delivering a series of training course for Caldicott Guardians, or someone performing the Caldicott function for your organisation. Please use the following links to book onto a course:

Virtual evening classes

Join Helen Dyer, an experienced Caldicott Guardian trainer and vice-chair of the UKCGC, **for free evening classes** focused on the complex challenges Caldicott Guardians face in health and social care. Through real-life case studies, explore challenging scenarios and requests often encountered in this role.

These sessions are available for booking via Eventbrite and are open exclusively to Caldicott Guardians and those performing the Caldicott function in their organisation.

Information Sharing Considerations: Sharing with the Police

 **Thursday, 3 July 2025** |  17:30

Information Sharing Considerations: Mental Health

 **Wednesday, 6 August 2025** |  17:30

Networking for Caldicott Guardians

 **Wednesday, 3 September 2025** |  17:30

Information Sharing Considerations: A Legal Framework

 **Wednesday, 1 October 2025** |  17:30

Caldicott Guardians and DPIAs

 **Thursday, 6 November 2025** |  17:30

Information Sharing Considerations: Safeguarding

 **Tuesday, 2 December 2025** |  17:30

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Breakfast clubs

This is a free monthly breakfast club for Caldicott Guardians held on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 08:00 to 09:00. It is held virtually via MS Teams and can include relevant news updates, opportunity to network with other Caldicott Guardians, case studies and the chance to ask questions you may be facing as a Caldicott Guardian. Those wishing to attend should contact the breakfast club chair, Helen Dyer at helen.dyer10@nhs.net

New NHSE FOI guidance

NHSE have recently published new guidance on processing Freedom of Information requests. Please see the following:

[Requesting information from a public body: freedom of information - NHS Transformation Directorate](#)

If you require any further information about any of the above, or if you require any support with General Practice/ Data Protection concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via the LMC office: westpennine.lmc@nhs.net or at jane.hilldpo@nhs.net