

LMC Committee November 2024 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
ICS	<p>Time was dedicated during this meeting for, Sarah-Jane Mills (SJM) Director for Primary Care and Community and Social Value, and Nick Blake, Programme Director for Primary Care, Lincolnshire ICS to discuss current issues in Lincolnshire general practice as well as what Lincolnshire ICS are planning for general practice moving forward. Main points included below:</p> <p>Enhanced services/DCAs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debate took place around what excellence in general practice should look like • Discussed current challenges including, high workload, workload dumping from other service providers into GP, bureaucratic red tape, lengthy referral processes, and changes to patient pathways without GP involvement. • Discussed interface with other providers and blockers to improvement efforts, such as the hospital trust not being able to print some posters due to lack of a printing budget. SJM asked the LMC for a meeting to discuss the blockers further so they can be removed. • Committee asked SJM about the decision-making process for the service provision for AQP SJM informed Committee that provision had increased but that has not transferred to outcomes. • SJM explained that the service is not meeting the needs of the population. There has been a reset for the service, and it will continue beyond March 2025. A full review of the service and how patients are referred is underway. Committee asked what clinical input there had been into the decision and were informed that Public Health had provided the clinical insight. • Discussion around health inequalities, Committee made the point that this type of service is best delivered by practices as they have countywide coverage. • Dr Kevin Thomas is the GP sitting on the ICB Board. <p>Investment and Resourcing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee asked about investment and resourcing specifically for assurance that resources will be moved to general practice. ICB do not yet know what the 10-year plan will look like so does not know what that funding will look like. SJM explained discussions around resource shift have not yet taken place. Any bid for funding will need to evidence a saving for the system and demonstrate population coverage. • Discussions around unsustainable services and the need for properly funded services.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about practice engagement, practices that do not engage and the need to get county wide practice engagement before change can happen. SJM stated that the ICB currently has no confidence that general practice will fully engage but did not define 'engagement'. • Discussion about existential threats to general practice and asked SJM when the ICB will publish its enhanced services strategy. SJM assured Committee that there is no intention of destabilising general practice in Lincolnshire. There will be a review of ES starting with the most unsustainable services. SJM acknowledged that after the review there will need to be a period of change including time for workforce planning. • Committee assured SJM that practices do want to offer the services even if they do not appear to engage and emphasised how unlikely non-engagement would be in the event of properly commissioned and funded services. • SJM reiterated the ICB's commitment to working together and are mindful of the pressures and challenges practices face. • LMC action to arrange a follow-up meeting for 3 months' time.
	<p>ICS development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial comms delayed again as has FIT comms • LCS review – LMC formal letter sent to ICB. Reply awaited. 3 PCNs did not sign. SA stepped down as PCNA CEO. •
	<p>Winter Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current planning. Chased again on 01/11/2024
	<p>Planned care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ciro Rinaldi proposing plan to ULHT. "full review of ULHT OPD in total particularly in the context of backlog and OPD capacity utilization and that might impact into the way referrals will be triaged, accepted or rejected. • This work started with the new COO appointment, discussion on expedite, "waiting for the new system" - suggested reverting back to previous agreement
	<p>Clinical Pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palpitation clinic – ULHT wanted to cease on 4/8 with no commissioned pathway for GP in place. Chased on 01/11/2024 • Catheter project – phase 2 underway. Hospital last resort – community/non-GP input. RB attended useful workshop – more to happen • Urology Stakeholder review – Primarily around 2WW prostate. Volume and impact on GP. Ongoing review but meetings now Mondays
	<p>Estates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "100m for GP estates" in budget but likely for 200 practices only nationally

	<p>IT/Digital</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-Refer being tested by Dr Baker at Vine Street and Spilsby Surgery. Planned to extend testing to Munro Medical Centre. • Practices OK to retain ACCURX until 30 Nov 2024. <p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DDRB announcement – GMS inc 7.8% - still reduction in real-terms since 2017/18 - 1p per patient per day increase! • NMW uplift to 12.21 from April 2025. • NI employers' contributions increase to 15% and reduced exemption threshold from April 2025 – £615 cost per employee. Treasury saying GP practices are not exempt – GPCE in discussions? reimbursement <p>Practice Resilience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPEL/GPAS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pending OPEL Pilot. Practices approached for expressions of interest to pilot.
Antimicrobial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lincolnshire moved from 2nd to 3rd highest abx prescribers in country.
Shared Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valproate – ICB still working on ask – LMC mailed practices. No updates from ICB. New guidance for men. • New LMC guidance on shared care sent.
Collective Action	<p>Discussions about collective action included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another webinar update for practices will be taking place in December • A&G usage has reduced, this could be as a result of collective action. • LMC has published more infographics to stimulate conversation. • Discussion around the impact in government. Practices are asked to complete the national surveys as this helps to create a better picture nationally and adds to the pressure on government. • Discussion around the 25 contacts safe working and the GP contract. Action for LMC to produce guidance. • Discussion regarding the role of care navigators after the 25 safe contacts has been met. Action for LMC to produce guidance for care navigators to use so support countywide consistency. • RB attending patient council 19/11 to d/w PPGs • Practices encouraged to attend the Collective Action Webinars and to use the Chat function in the LMC Microsoft Teams Collective Action Channel which practice staff can join using this link.

CQC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of practices requesting CQC support has increased. • LMC can support Practices upon request and attend inspections. • LMC ask practices not to wait until they receive inspection notice before arranging CQC support, availability is limited so the earlier support is arranged the better.
Primary/ secondary care interface	<p>Mortality Collaborative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal update • Multiple cancelled
	<p>ULHT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official freedom of information request has been sent to ULTH (previously ULHT). • Expedite discussions ongoing, awaiting new system. • Group Partnership arm created. LMC to arrange discussions with group
	<p>NWAFT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to link in for Collective Action • Meeting with NWAFT 19/11
	<p>NLAG</p> <p>Continue to link in for Collective Action</p>
	<p>LCHS</p> <p>Chasing next meeting but merge this with ULHT section given now in group.</p>
	<p>LPFT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent LPFT presentation on prescribing – further work to be done around what can be expected by GP – updated • version circulated to Committee with papers • Hannah Anderson, service manager for CRHT, SPA, and 111 will be attending the next LMC Committee meeting which is taking place on 14th January 2025.

	<p>ADHD360 Requested summary of the investigation of ADHD360 by ICB with actions taken so practices can decide if happy to refer patients to them now. This has been chased again and also meeting to be arranged.</p>
Child Protection	<p>Safeguarding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SystmOne Module: Safeguarding team has confirmed they will request access on a case-by-case basis unless the practice indicates otherwise. • LMC has sought clarification from the ICO about whether an access request needs to be completed for individuals, awaiting response.
Practice Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 5 Practice Management Apprenticeship - If you would like to join the next cohort, starting early 2025, please contact rosa.wyldeman@nhs.net • Further General Practice Support Network sessions in the pipeline. • IGPM Accreditation – please contact rosa.wyldeman@nhs.net if you are interested in becoming accredited with the IGPM. • Discussion regarding the National Insurance increase; AD emphasised the importance of receiving enough funding to cover the NI increase as well as properly funding services so that the money does not come in and go straight back out to pay taxes.
GPC Update	<p>Dr Zoe Norris (ZN) – GPC Representative (Humberside LMCs CEO & Medical Director) No update, written report to follow.</p>
LMC Practice Calls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courtesy calls to practices, LMC offers support and gathers useful feedback. • On-site support and on-site CQC run-throughs available on request • Practices asked to provide a contact number that bypasses the switchboard.
LMC Development Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lincolnshire GP and ACP residential Conference 2024 – “Know Your Limits” was a success. • Training and events offer for 2025 in progress, this will be listed on the LMC website in due course. • New LMC Podcasts – LMC Committee Update podcast now available. • Educational webinars available via the LMC website.
Future LMC Committee Meetings	<p>Next meeting: Tuesday 14th January 2025. If you would like to observe an LMC Committee meeting or are interested in becoming an LMC Committee Member, please contact info@lincsLMC.co.uk</p>