

# Newsletter

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### **SHEFFIELD LMC ELECTIONS: UPDATE FROM DR TRISH EDNEY, RETURNING OFFICER**

On 2 September 2024 all represented Sheffield GPs were emailed with details of the 2024/28 LMC elections, as follows:

In May 1999 Sheffield LMC's Constitution was amended to allow the full membership to be appointed every 4 years. In accordance with the Constitution I give notice that the Term of Office of the following members of the Committee will end on 30 November 2024:

- BRADLEY Alastair
- BROGDEN Roma
- DURLING Mark
- HUDSON Nicholas
- KADICHEENI Thomas
- KALINOVA Petya
- KASARANENI Krishna
- KEEL Jon
- KURUVATTI Pallavi
- MAWER Liddy
- McCREA Gareth
- McSEVENEY Danielle
- MOULSHER Peter
- OKORIE Moses
- RATNAPALAN Mohana
- SAVAGE David
- SHENODA Magdy
- SMALL Amy
- SMY Laura

The LMC's primary function is to represent Sheffield GPs, and it is extremely important that local GPs have a means of debating important topical issues and influencing or making policy, in order to represent the breadth of general practice in Sheffield. General practice, even prior to the COVID pandemic, was experiencing unprecedented workload, recruitment issues and organisational change. It is vital that the profession locally is heard and expresses its views. The LMC would encourage all branches of general practice - partners, salaried doctors and locums - to be represented and give their opinions.

With this in mind, nominations for the 2024-28 Term of Office are invited from all eligible Sheffield GPs (on the national medical performers list and contributing to the LMC's levies).

Further details of the work of the LMC can be found in [A Guide to your Local Medical Committee](#). Should you require any further information about membership of the LMC prior to making a decision on whether or not to stand for election, please do not hesitate to contact David Savage, LMC Secretary via [secretary@sheffieldlmc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@sheffieldlmc.org.uk) or Margaret Wicks, LMC Manager via [manager@sheffieldlmc.org.uk](mailto:manager@sheffieldlmc.org.uk).

In order to stand for election, *please complete the nomination form available [here](#)*. Nominations require a named proposer and seconder. Please note that all sections of the form can be filled in electronically – we are not requesting printed / signed forms.

*Completed forms should be emailed to [trishedney@gmail.com](mailto:trishedney@gmail.com) by Friday 4 October 2024*. Please do not return completed forms to the email address used to circulate this notice, or any other LMC email addresses.

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**SHEFFIELD LMC ELECTIONS:  
NOTE FROM DAVID SAVAGE, LMC SECRETARY**

I first joined Sheffield LMC in Autumn 1989 as a GP Trainee representative and, finally, after 35 years I plan to step down in December of this year. For at least 24 of those years, I have served as an LMC Executive Officer.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time representing Sheffield GPs, and would like to thank all the LMC Executive Officers, members of the Secretariat and Committee members over the years who have made the journey such a pleasant and valuable experience.

The purpose of this message, however, is not only a thank you but to encourage new and younger GPs to join the Committee.

Not only does the LMC give a valuable insight into the day-to-day interactions of general practice at every level, but also gives you the opportunity to be involved in local medical politics and decision making for your community. However, more than this, it provides the forum to network with colleagues and make friendships that have for me lasted for years. It provides the opportunity for peer support and a voice for all levels of general practice – trainees, locums, salaried and partners. It also offers the opportunity for so much more.

I would strongly recommend joining the Committee, which I believe is as strong as it ever has been at the current time, with a dedicated group of Executive Officers trying their best to represent your profession locally.

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**GUIDANCE FOR MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS COMPLETING  
MEDICAL CERTIFICATES OF CAUSE OF DEATH IN ENGLAND AND WALES**

As you will be aware, the new statutory Medical Examiner system came into force on 9 September 2024, and the Department of Health and Social Care has published [Guidance for Medical Practitioners Completing Medical Certificates of Cause of Death in England and Wales](#).

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**SAFE WORKING GUIDANCE:  
A HANDBOOK FOR GENERAL PRACTICE**

General Practitioners Committee (GPC) England has published [Safe working guidance: a handbook for general practice](#) to help GPs and practices in the delivery of safe, high-quality care for their patients and communities.

At a time of unprecedented pressures, changes to workload are being suggested to preserve patient care in the face of a shrinking workforce and rising demand, as well as helping to protect the sustainability and future of general practice. The GPC is recommending doing this by focusing on the delivery of General Medical Services (GMS), in line with the needs of patients and practices, and deprioritising work and activities that fall outside of core contractual requirements.

Further guidance and resources such as webinars and FAQs can also be accessed, with patient information posters and social media graphics to download and share.

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**ZERO TOLERANCE OF RACISM**

Following last month's racist, Islamophobic and anti-migrant riots, which were hugely distressing with wide reaching impact felt across healthcare settings and communities the British Medical Association (BMA) has noted that patients need to be warned that there will be zero tolerance of racist behaviour with resultant consequences, should this not be respected. The BMA has produced a [poster](#) that can be printed and displayed in practices. The BMA has also produced guidance for [Managing discrimination from patients and their guardians and relatives](#).

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**DATA REQUEST FOR  
CLOUD BASED TELEPHONY STATISTICS**

Requests have been sent to practices to share telephony data due to a Data Provision Notice. This email will have been sent to the main practice contact registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

The General Practitioners Committee (GPC) received additional documentation and messaging from NHS England on this issue, and were given 24 hours notice of the data request and documentation associated with it. The GPC has analysed the information received and issued [Cloud Based Telephony update \(August 2024\)](#).

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## **PRACTICE FUNDING INCREASE FOR PAY UPLIFTS 2024/25: IMPLICATIONS FOR GENERAL PRACTICE**

As you will be aware, NHS England and the Department of Health and Social Care have finalised how the national practice contract baseline funding - 'Global Sum' - will be uplifted for 2024/25 following the [DDRb's recommendation for a 6% uplift](#) to the pay element of contracts (GP contractors / partners) and the salaried GP pay range.

For more details, please see the [letter from Dr Julius Parker](#), Deputy Chair, General Practitioners Committee (GPC) England.

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### **EXPANSION OF THE ADDITIONAL ROLES REIMBURSEMENT SCHEME (ARRS) TO INCLUDE GPs**

GPC England, Sessional GPs Committee and GP Registrars Committee have written a letter to the Secretary of State for Health, Wes Streeting, about their concerns over the Department of Health and Social Care announcement to [expand the ARRS to include GPs](#), and how the expansion can be best implemented and possible long-term alternatives.

The GPC expressed concern that providing this funding at Primary Care Network (PCN) level does not provide GPs and patients with the desperately needed stability required, and instead suggested that it would be far more effective to provide this funding at a practice level, helping to address GP unemployment in the places most severely affected. In the long-term, GP contract funding must be increased so practices have full control over who they recruit to best serve their patients' needs, without the need for additional schemes like ARRS.

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### **UK VISA SPONSORSHIP LICENCES: PODCAST AND GUIDANCE**

Dr Laura Edwards, CEO and GP, Wessex LMC [talks with a panel](#) about visa sponsorship (formerly known as Tier 2) - how it impacts international graduates particularly around the time of qualification and what actions practices may want to take to help with their recruitment.

In addition, you may wish to review British Medical Association (BMA) guidance [Becoming a Skilled Worker Visa Sponsor – A guide for GP Practices](#).

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### **PRACTICE FINANCE SURVEY: SUMMER 2024**

The General Practitioners Committee (GPC) is 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, and to give practices the 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.

It is recommended that respondents have relevant information to hand before starting the survey: 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.

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

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### **GP PARTNERSHIP SURVEY** *Article submitted by Esme Lawy, Sheffield GP*

There is still time to respond to the GP Partnership Survey. The South Yorkshire Workforce and Training Hub are working with South Yorkshire LMCs to develop ways to support new partners and GPs considering partnership. Please use this [link](#) to have your say. The survey **will close on 27 September 2024**.

Thank you.

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## PHARMACY FIRST LUNCH & LEARN SESSION

Article submitted by Claire Thomas, South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB)  
Community Pharmacy Clinical Lead & Lucy Crowder, Project Manager, South Yorkshire ICB

The session will be 12-1 pm on Thursday 26 September, and will provide an overview of the service:

- Clarity on the 3 elements: Clinical Pathways, Minor illness, Urgent medicine supply.
- Referral processes.
- Opportunity for feedback and questions.
- Work undertaken by South Yorkshire ICB and Community Pharmacy South Yorkshire (CPSY).
- Current picture in South Yorkshire.

The session is relevant to all staff working in general practice - including receptionists, pharmacists and GPs.

The session will be held on MS Teams, and it will be recorded - meeting link below:

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 339 473 701 596

Passcode: 6nh4af

Please email [lucy.crowder1@nhs.net](mailto:lucy.crowder1@nhs.net) to request the link as a calendar invite, or with any questions/feedback.

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## CARE QUALITY COMMISSION (CQC) MYTHBUSTERS

CQC National Clinical Advisors and Policy Team issue [guidance](#) to clear up some common myths about CQC inspections, as well as sharing guidance on best practice, which practices may wish to be aware of. The following mythbusters have been added or updated in recent weeks:

Updated August 2024

- GP mythbuster 1: [Resuscitation in GP surgeries](#)
- GP mythbuster 92: [Anticoagulant monitoring in primary care](#)
- GP mythbuster 82: [Physician associates in general practice](#)
- GP mythbuster 25: [Safeguarding adults at risk](#)

Updated September 2024

- GP mythbuster 77: [Access to GP services](#)
- GP mythbuster 29: [Looking after homeless patients in General Practice](#)
- GP mythbuster 61: [Patient registration](#)

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Contact details for Sheffield LMC Secretariat can be found [here](#)



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