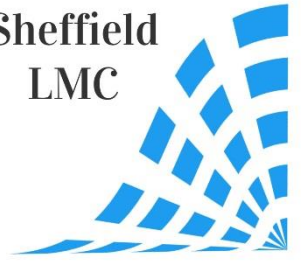


# Newsletter

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### **WELCOME TO CHARLOTTE PINCHIN LMC ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (MATERNITY COVER)**

We are pleased to announce that following a full recruitment process we have appointed Charlotte Pinchin to the post of Administrative Assistant, covering Amy Watson's maternity leave.

Please note that Charlotte works 9 am to 12 noon on Tuesdays and 9 am to 4 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Up-to-date contact details and additional information about the LMC Secretariat can be found [here](#).

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### **LMC NEWSFLASH: UPDATE ON 2025/26 GP CONTRACT CHANGES AND NEGOTIATION OF NEW GP CONTRACT**

An LMC Newsflash was issued to all represented Sheffield GPs and Practice Managers on Thursday 27 March noting an update from General Practitioners Committee England (GPCE) on the 2025/26 GP contract changes and negotiation of a new GP contract in the current parliamentary cycle.

The Newsflash, which can be accessed [here](#), links to information on webinars being held during April, a press statement and a speech from the GPCE Chair.

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### **SHEFFIELD LMC BUYING GROUP UPDATES**

#### Buying Group Guidance

An updated version of the LMC's Buying Group guidance has recently been added to our website and can be accessed [here](#).

The guidance covers the following information and FAQs;

- Website Content.
- Does it Cost us Anything to be Part of the Group?
- What is the Purpose of the Buying Group and How Does it Work?
- Contact the Buying Group.
- What happens to my details?
- Is There any Obligation to Take Up the Deals Offered?
- What if I am Not Happy with the Quality of Goods and Services Supplied?

## Accessing Buying Group Information

On 3 April 2025, all Sheffield Practice Managers were emailed an update on changes to how LMC Buying Group information can be accessed, as a result of a new online portal being set up for members.

For ease of reference, the information can be found [here](#).

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## **MISSING YEARS OF PENSION DATA**

A recent [Freedom of Information](#) request has revealed that 56% of GPs in England have missing pensions records up to 2022/23, with 156,896 years of pension data missing in total.

If pension records are not up to date it is not possible to determine potential tax charges and whether work can be increased without penalty, nor make informed decisions about pension savings. This is also important for those affected by the McCloud remedy. The British Medical Association (BMA) has [highlighted this issue in the media](#), calling for an urgent solution to this significant issue.

The BMA continues to meet with Capita, NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) and NHS England (NHSE). Although a verbal commitment has been received that they will write to affected members with specific personalised information in relation to missing years in pension records, no timeline has been provided.

The BMA believes this is a problem that Capita, NHS BSA and NHSE need to work together to resolve. However, members can also take action to ensure their record is up to date, and [step-by-step guidance](#) has been produced to assist with this.

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## **ROTATIONAL TRAINING SURVEY**

As part of the pay offer to English Resident Doctors, the British Medical Association (BMA) has agreed to undertake a review into rotational training with the UK Government.

Rotational training is the current form of training whereby resident doctors 'rotate' between Trusts/Health Boards and, in many cases, employers across their training programme.

In order to ensure the BMA can achieve the best possible reforms to the system, GPs who are educational clinical supervisors are being asked to respond to some questions about the role. The [survey](#) asks about the rotational training system from the point of view of an educational clinical supervisor for rotating doctors, which will inform how the BMA can deliver substantive, useful changes.

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## **GP FOCUS GROUP - PRIMARY CARE PROVISION FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS PROJECT**

As part of a project to improve the provision of primary healthcare to people seeking asylum and refugees, the British Medical Association (BMA) International Team will be holding a focus group online on **Wednesday 4 June 2025, 14:30-16:30 hrs**.

Input from the group will help lobby the government to better support doctors in providing high-quality healthcare, and inform updates to the [BMA's Refugee and Asylum Seeker Patient Health Toolkit](#).

If you would like to attend the focus group or find out more, contact [info.international@bma.org.uk](mailto:info.international@bma.org.uk).

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## **BREAKING THE SILENCE ON MEN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE**

*Information provided by Finn McCartney, Policy Advice and Support Officer,  
Public Health and Healthcare / Communications & Policy Directorate, British Medical Association (BMA)*

Please find details for the upcoming Patient Liaison Group (PLG) Symposium 2025 and the link to register your place. Please do share this information with your own networks, it is free to join for anybody who may be interested (BMA member or not).

Date: Wednesday 30 April 2025, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Virtual: Via Microsoft Teams

Registration: Can be made [here](#)

With 5,289 men lost to suicide in England, Scotland and Wales in 2023, we will explore the gaps in the health and social care system, how factors such as neurodiversity, deprivation, and intergenerational experiences intersect with mental health, the stigma around masculine identity and seeking help, and what actions could drive meaningful change.

The symposium will include keynote speakers, panel discussions and networking opportunities. The event aims to bring together people with lived experience and professionals from different sectors and disciplines to discuss the topic. Attendees will include representatives from patient and community organisations, Royal Medical Colleges, BMA, public, voluntary and charity sectors.

Please contact [confunit@bma.org.uk](mailto:confunit@bma.org.uk) for further information.

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### **SESSIONAL GPs E-NEWSLETTER: APRIL 2025**

The latest edition of the Sessional GPs e-newsletter can be found on the British Medical Association (BMA) website [here](#).

The main articles include:

- Tackling GP unemployment in the UK
- DDRB pay review delays
- Pay erosion and comments on Government's contract offer
- ARRS in general practice changes
- GP diary
- Job planning model guidance and templates

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### **CAMERON FUND SPRING 2025 NEWSLETTER AND ANNUAL REVIEW 2024**

The Cameron Fund provides help and support solely to GPs, including those who are retired, and their dependants. It aims to meet needs that vary considerably, from the elderly in nursing homes to young, chronically sick doctors and their families, and those suffering from unexpected and unpredictable problems such as relationship breakdown or financial difficulties following the actions of professional regulatory bodies. Careful consideration is given to the help most needed, which could be advice, a grant or a loan.

The Fund's Spring 2025 newsletter can be found [here](#), and their Annual Review 2024 can be found [here](#).

If you know of colleagues who may need help from the Cameron Fund please encourage them to contact the Fund. More information on how to contact the Cameron Fund, the support they can offer and how to donate can be found [here](#).

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Please forward any articles for inclusion in the LMC newsletter to  
[manager@sheffieldlmc.org.uk](mailto:manager@sheffieldlmc.org.uk)

Submission deadlines can be found [here](#)

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



## **FREE COACHING & MENTORING SERVICE with a local GP Mentor**

Sheffield LMC's free peer to peer coaching, mentoring and signposting for General Practice. Free and open to all represented Sheffield GPs. More information can be found [here](#) or by scanning the QR code.

