

# Newsletter

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### **INVESTMENT AND IMPACT FUND (IIF) INDICATORS AC-02 (2022-2023), ACC-07 (2022-2023) AND ACC-08 (2023-2024)**

Sheffield LMC has raised a number of concerns locally and nationally regarding the above IIF indicators. [An update](#), produced by Krishna Kasaraneni, LMC Executive Officer, was emailed to all represented Sheffield GPs and Practice Managers on 29 November 2023.

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### **GENERAL PRACTICE: YOUR CAREER – YOUR FUTURE SURVEY** *Request from General Practitioners Committee (GPC) England*

Next year marks both the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the introduction of the 2004 General Medical Services (GMS) contract, and the end of the current 2019-24 5 year investment framework. A general election is also likely at some point in the year, and potentially, a new government. With change comes opportunity, and a window to influence how we deliver patient care now and for the years ahead.

Manifestos from the main political parties, think tanks, charities, and other health bodies will seek to influence these changes. In advance of these, GPC England will publish its own vision outlining the future direction for general practice by those who know it best: GPs themselves.

This is where you come in. We want to give you a voice. We want to hear from all fully qualified GPs in England - [complete our survey](#). Share it with all GPs: partners, salaried, retainer and locum GPs; those working in wider primary care roles, in Trusts, urgent care, secure or out-of-hours settings, and GP Registrars at ST3 and above – a separate survey for all GP Trainees ST1+ will be opened by the British Medical Association (BMA) in the new year - our survey is targeted at ST3+ to ensure that respondents have appropriate experience working within the practice setting to enable them to answer as many questions as possible.

Participants do not need to be a member of the BMA to participate, but we will need a General Medical Council (GMC) number so we can corroborate responses as coming from qualified GPs based in England. All responses will be anonymised.

The survey will close on Sunday 21 January 2024. Please complete the survey as soon as possible, to ensure our negotiating position is as strong as possible.

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## 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND SPECIAL CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND LMC REPRESENTATIVES

The 2023 Annual Conference and Special Conference of England LMC Representatives were held on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 November. Sheffield LMC was represented by Alastair Bradley (Chair), Danielle McSeveney (Vice Chair), Gareth McCrea (Executive Officer) and Krishna Kasaraneni (Executive Officer).

The following information / documentation has been made available:

- [Conference Agenda](#)
- [Conference News](#), detailing the resolutions and elections
- [Sheffield LMC report Thursday 23 November](#)
- [Sheffield LMC report Friday 24 November](#)

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### OLIVER MCGOWAN MANDATORY TRAINING ON LEARNING DISABILITY AND AUTISM

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) consultation into the implementation of the '[Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training](#)' has now closed, and the recommendations are awaited. General Practitioners Committee (GPC) England has responded, expressing a number of concerns regarding the impact this programme may have on General Practice.

In the interim, there is a legal requirement within the Health and Social Care Act 2022 for GP practice staff to receive training in Autism and Learning Disability. However, whilst the title of the programme includes the word mandatory, *this does not mean that any single particular training programme is required*. It is for the time being, the DHSC and NHS England recommended programme, so if practices undertake this programme, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and Integrated Care Board (ICB) teams will accept this.

It is unlikely, at least in the short term, that practices will find it easy to identify alternatives, especially for Tier 2 training, which needs to be delivered by specified trainers including one person with Learning Disability / Autism. If practices do undertake alternative Tier 1 training, it is recommended they ask the training provider for written assurances of the equivalency of their training programme to the [Tier 1 Oliver McGowan training](#) (which can be delivered remotely). CQC is waiting to receive clarification in relation to the accreditation of alternative training packages.

Tier 2 training currently involves a full day's face-to-face training: given the numbers of eligible participants, undertaking such training will cause a significant interruption in service capacity. Ideally, Tier 2 training should be delivered over one day only, *within six months of receiving Tier 1 training*. This creates a difficulty for practices as, at present, it is unlikely local dates have been set for Tier 2 training and this may not be realistic to do until the outcome of the Consultation is known.

GPC England recommends that the training should be coordinated by local ICB teams working with Training Hubs once the outcome of the Consultation has been published. CQC's advice to practices about this type of training is available [here](#).

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### ANASTROZOLE: REDUCING RISK OF DEVELOPING BREAST CANCER IN MODERATE AND HIGH RISK PATIENTS

As noted in our email to all represented Sheffield GPs on 13 November 2023, we requested information on how Sheffield patients can be assessed for the potential benefit of commencing Anastrozole. We received a helpful update from Claire Mills, Breast Clinician/Clinical Lead, Breast Family History Service at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which can be accessed [here](#).

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### SHINGLES VACCINATION PROGRAMME TECHNICAL GUIDANCE

NHS England has published [updated technical guidance](#), which sets out information on eligible cohorts, clinical codes required to record shingles vaccination events and how payments will be supported via the General Practice Extraction Service (GPES), following the changes to the programme that came into effect from September this year.

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## PRACTICE FINANCE SURVEY

*Request from General Practitioners Committee (GPC) England*

We are at a critical point in 2024/25 negotiations - we need all Practice Managers in England to complete our [Finance Survey](#). This is an opportunity to demonstrate the increasing impact of inflation and rising costs on English GP practices over the past 12 months.

To complete the survey you will need the practice's set of GP accounts for 2021/22 and 2022/23, as well as expenditure data for October 2022 and October 2023, together with information on how many staff the practice employs.

The survey should take between 20-30 minutes to complete. The closing time/date is **midnight on 3 January 2024**.

Should you wish to follow up with any further feedback, please share it via [gpsurvey@bma.org.uk](mailto:gpsurvey@bma.org.uk).

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## NATIONAL VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION CATCH-UP CAMPAIGN FOR 2023/24

NHS England (NHSE) has confirmed the [catch-up campaign for 2023/24](#). As with last year this will focus on MMR vaccinations, and NHSE has set out a number of actions for practices to support the campaign. As per the Statement of Financial Entitlement (SFE), practices will receive an item of service fee for every vaccination.

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## SURVEY ON HOW TO PREVENT AND REDUCE VIOLENCE TOWARDS NHS STAFF

The Social Partnership Forum and NHS Employers are conducting a survey to inform recommendations on how to prevent and reduce violence towards NHS staff. They are mapping existing work, assessing its impact and identifying measures to reduce violence and aggression towards NHS staff.

The survey, which closes on 22 December, can be accessed [here](#).

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## WEBINARS - SURVIVE & THRIVE: WELLBEING

*Information provided by Karen Forshaw, GP, Doncaster*

The South Yorkshire Primary Care Workforce & Training Hub have organised a series of free evening Wellbeing Webinars, which will be delivered by [Resilient Practice](#):

- 13 & 20 December - How to Say No
- 10 & 24 January - Compassion Vs Empathy
- 7 & 21 February - How to Manage Conflict
- 13 & 20 March - How to Manage Complaints

Further information on webinar content and registration process can be found [here](#).

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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 recently been updated:

- [GP Mythbuster 104: Cervical Screening](#) (updated November 2023 to include further information for the inclusion of data).
- [GP Mythbuster 46: Managing Test Results and Clinical Correspondence](#) (updated November 2023 to clarify how practices must manage test results and clinical correspondence).

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## UNDERGRADUATE GP PLACEMENT SURVEY

Medical Schools are currently struggling to identify adequate placement providers in general practice. The University of Liverpool is running a [survey](#) which aims to identify the factors which affect a practice's decision to host undergraduate medical students. The data will be used by medical schools to identify drivers and barriers to medical student placements in general practice, to tailor placement requirements appropriately and identify strategies to help practices overcome potential barriers.

If you are interested in participating, please read the [Participant Information](#) sheet and complete the fully anonymous online survey. Any queries should be directed to Dr Kathryn Harrison via [docthark@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:docthark@liverpool.ac.uk).

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## EXPLORING INNOVATION IN GP PRACTICES

In [a collection of case-studies](#) the British Medical Association (BMA) explores how eight GP providers in England are implementing innovative models, from improving access to a wider range of services for patients to effective chronic disease management. There is no one-size-fits-all solution, but it is hoped these examples will start a conversation about what is possible and begin to shape a vision for how to solve some of the barriers facing general practice. These models demonstrate that some solutions to the current crisis in general practice already exist, but realising them on a larger scale will require far greater investment, contractual flexibility and political will.

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## LMC OFFICE CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR OPENING 2023/24

Please note the changes to the times when the LMC office telephones will be staffed over the Christmas / New Year period:

- Monday 25 December: Office closed
- Tuesday 26 December: Office closed
- Wednesday 27 December: 9 am to 5 pm
- Thursday 28 December: 9 am to 5 pm
- Friday 29 December: 9 am to 5 pm
- Monday 1 January: Office closed

Usual office hours will resume on Tuesday 2 January 2023 - further details can be found [here](#).

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Please forward any articles for inclusion in the LMC newsletter to  
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Contact details for Sheffield LMC Executive can be found [here](#)  
Contact details for Sheffield LMC Secretariat can be found [here](#)



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