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## LMC Update

The LMC is in discussion with several teams currently regarding ongoing projects including Haematology, toptips, perinatal team, the Tirzepatide LES specification, the lilac card, the medicines team and Insulin switches, CAMHS ND and Right to Choose. More information will follow in due course.

## PCN DES CAIP Payment

Rachel Garrison has clarified the situation with our CD colleagues regarding the PCN DES CAIP payment, after having discussions with respective Primary Care leads across South Yorkshire. Each of our 4 areas have slightly different shoulder cover (at the start and end of each day) and PLT cover which currently causes some inequity.

From Rachel:

*To be both contractually compliant and for the CAIP payment:*

*Online consultation must be switched on in all practices from 8am to 6:30pm*

*There must not be any caps on numbers, for either admin or clinical requests*

*Online consultation can only be switched off by agreement with the commissioner, and only in line with the local agreement for OPEL and 111 Practices will not have to provide online consultation and walk-in access during PLTC before the 31st of March to be able to claim CAIP in full. Future arrangements will need discussing at a later date.*

The NHSE FAQ document and the BMA Online Consultation tools document provide different opinions as to the meaning of the contractual wording especially the term 'clinical', and there is still some ambiguity as to what is urgent or routine which is currently helpful to allow practices to claim the CAIP payment for this element. We can choose to decline any urgent request online but need to have some routine clinical option. It's wise to look at the wording of the online system that you use to ensure compliance with this.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/online-consultations-frequently-asked-questions/>

## LMC Meetings

*GP constituents are always welcome to attend meetings of the LMC as observers. Meetings are held alternatively online via Microsoft Teams or in The Boardroom of Rotherham Hospital. Please contact the LMC office if you wish to attend*

### **NEXT LMC MEETING:**

**9<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**From 7.30 PM**

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The content of this newsletter is confidential and intended solely for GPs and Practice Managers in Rotherham.

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## Rimagepant

IMOC (Integrated Medicines Optimisation Committee) have decreed that Rimagepant is GREEN for acute use and AMBER G for prophylaxis of migraines, despite LMC protestation that these drugs are new for primary care, they are black triangle, the evidence of benefit is minimal, and they have significant drug interactions.

We would suggest ensuring you have sufficient knowledge before you consider prescribing them and we would support you if you decline to prescribe. Please see MOT website

<https://mot.southyorkshire.icb.nhs.uk>

for further information, and use [STH.headacheservice@nhs.net](mailto:STH.headacheservice@nhs.net)

for advice and guidance (email address monitored daily).

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## Orthopaedic Triage Service (OTS)

Some practices are still receiving referrals from the OTS to follow up investigations. These are investigations we're not contracted to provide on OTS's behalf, and we are also being asked to request Nerve Conduction Studies (NCS) where most GPs wouldn't have the specialist knowledge to interpret or manage the results.

**Our view is that OTS should be able to request and manage their own investigations, in line with the Interface Document and existing pathways, rather than bouncing this work back to general practice.**

Meanwhile the OTS has given assurance that they are working through the best routes for sourcing NCS and Bloods; and are training staff to ensure they can request bloods via ICE, with a plan to have them taken at Breathing Space. They will also be completing NCS requests via the Neurophysiology paperwork, as requested by the service. However, please let us know if issues continue over the coming weeks.

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## CAMHS - Lunchtime Collaboration Meetings

Here is your invitation to join our **Trustwide CAMHS Service** for lunch on **Thursday, 19 February between 12 noon and 1 pm** via Microsoft Teams. Book your place by clicking on this link [Lunch Collab - RDaSH CAMHS](#)

Takeaways from the sessions will include:

- Who the Teams are and how to contact them

- Referral criteria/ Who and how!
- What they don't offer and why
- Signposting for additional help and advice
- Current wait times
- Support available for those on our waiting lists and for you
- Resources referred to in the session for you to share with your colleagues and Teams

You will also have the opportunity to ask those questions that can help us all to work more collaboratively through a shared understanding of roles and services provided across primary and secondary care.

The lunchtime sessions are designed for GP colleagues but please feel free to extend the invitation to anyone else in your Teams who might benefit from coming together with RDaSH services , for example Administrators, Receptionists, Care Navigators, Clinical Staff, PCN staff, Social Prescribers, etc.

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## PC Onboarding & Data Sharing Providing patients with information about NHS Community Pharmacy Services

Community Pharmacy England has launched a new website to provide patients with information about several NHS services that pharmacies in England are providing.

The website is: [www.communitypharmacy.org.uk](http://www.communitypharmacy.org.uk)

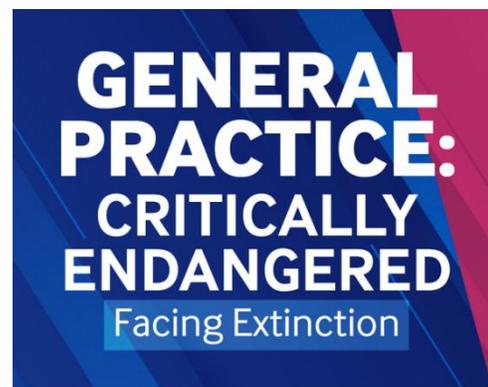
- Pharmacy First Service;
- Hypertension Case Finding Service (publicly known as the NHS Blood Pressure Check Service); and
- Pharmacy Contraception Service.

The website also provides information to help patients understand about their right to choose which pharmacy they wish to use to access relevant services. GP practices are asked to consider including a link on their website to the new community pharmacy website to help raise patient awareness of these NHS services that are available at pharmacies.

## GPC ADVICE

### General Practice: Critically Endangered - Facing Extinction

Many thanks to those of you who logged in to last week's webinars. It was great to connect with over a thousand GPs joining and contributing to where we are now, and the future direction of travel ahead of coming back to you with more information next month regarding the 2026/27 contract. We expect to receive the final position from government at the end of the month. GPC England will also then meet, scrutinise and vote thereafter, and we will start webinars on the new contract – and your opportunity to feed back on it – at the start of March.



### Letter to CMO about vaccination programmes

We have written to the Chief Medical Officer, Professor Chris Whitty, to highlight our concerns about lack of funding uplifts for GP practices providing routine and seasonal vaccination programmes. Despite an agreement from NHS England to uplift the payments for routine childhood vaccinations by £2 per dose, funding for GP vaccination programmes has fallen significantly behind inflation during this time, losing over a quarter of its value. Safeguarding and increasing uptake for these programmes should be a priority for the Government and the NHS, especially in light of the risks we've seen in recent years from infectious diseases alongside falling rates of vaccination. We will continue to pursue all avenues, to support practices.

### Practice Finance research: results and call to action

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to share practice accounts data via our recent survey. We have now analysed the initial results. Key insights have been shared with NHSE and the DHSC, ensuring their awareness of the financial pressures facing GP practices in England.

You can see the key insights for yourself [here](#).

### GP wellbeing resources

A range of wellbeing and support services are available to doctors, and we encourage anybody who is feeling under strain to seek support. Please take a moment to check in on your colleagues' wellbeing and look out for each other. Support comes in various forms, from our 24/7 confidential [counselling and peer support services](#) and [NHS practitioner health service](#) to non-medical support services such as [Samaritans](#). The organisation [Doctors in Distress](#) provides mental health support for health workers in the UK, and confidential peer support group sessions. Please visit the BMA's [wellbeing support services page](#), refer to our [extended directory](#), or call [0330 123 1245](#) for the counselling line or peer support.