



## Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire LMC Ltd: Update for Practices, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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### 1. 2024/25 Contract Update – LMC Analysis

We have reviewed the changes as outlined in the letter from Dr Amanda Doyle, published on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 by NHSE.

Please click [here](#) to read our detailed breakdown of the letter.

### 2. 2024-25 GP contract referendum – England

GPC England has rejected the 2024/25 GP contract changes. The contract has now been put to BMA GP members in a referendum. The referendum cannot prevent the Government from choosing to impose their changes to the contract, but it will send a strong signal as to how the profession feels about the contract, a potential third successive contractual imposition by Government, and collective next steps. The referendum opened on **Thursday 07<sup>th</sup> March** and closes **midday Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. BMA members will receive an email with a unique voting link.

There is more GPCE information about the current contract changes [here](#) and Dr Katie Bramall-Stainer discusses the GP referendum here: [GPC England contract referendum - YouTube](#)

To ensure you can feel fully informed before you vote, GPCE are holding a series of webinars – details below – and as feedback is received, they will add FAQs to their webpage [BMA – GP Contract](#), to read and reflect on with practice colleagues.

### What to expect:

- A presentation from GPC England Officers outlining the context of the 2024/25 contract and what it means both for your practice, and you as a GP.
- A summary of next steps and the choice BMA GP members will need to make in the referendum.
- A roadmap of what the months ahead may look like.
- The opportunity to have your questions answered – please send questions in advance to [gpreferendum@bma.org.uk](mailto:gpreferendum@bma.org.uk)

### Webinar dates, times and Microsoft Teams joining links:

**East of England:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – 19:30 - 21:00  
[Microsoft Teams link](#)

**National Catch-Up:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

12.30 - 14.00 [Microsoft Teams link](#)

19.30 - 21.00 [Microsoft Teams link](#)

These webinars will NOT be recorded, so please attend your regional slot, or a national catch-up session.

### **3. HRT guidance updates**

An updated HRT PPC guidance document has been published by DHSC. This is to reflect changes to the definition of products in scope of the HRT PPC, following the launch of new products onto the market, and an agreed process for managing discontinuations.

The latest version can be found here: [HRT PPC guidance | NHSBSA](#).

### **4. Preparing for the Spring 2024 COVID-19 vaccination campaign**

Preparations are under way for the Spring 2024 COVID-19 vaccination campaign, following the achievements of the 2023 Autumn campaigns. The NHS is focusing on delivering a seasonal COVID-19 vaccine dose, aligning with government recommendations. Eligible cohorts include adults aged 75 and over, care home residents, and immunosuppressed individuals. Efforts are being made to ensure equity in access and address variations in uptake. Funding and contract arrangements are extended to support vaccination activities, with plans for supply and delivery to be finalised soon.

Read more [here](#).

### **5. PRSB survey – GP activity data**

The Professional Records & Standards Body (PRSB) are surveying GPs as part of a set of proposals to implement a standard set of SNOMED codes to capture consultation mode and GP activity data. The [survey](#) closes on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** and seeks to garner views from practices on how day-to-day activity that takes place can best be defined and recorded.

### **6. NIHR In-Practice Fellowship**

The NIHR In-Practice Fellowship (IPF) initially offered academic training to fully qualified general practitioners, general dental practitioners, and community dentists, who are in NHS practice in England. The eligibility for this scheme has been broadened in 2024 to cover all other health and care professionals working in a primary care setting, including (but not restricted to) nurses, midwives, pharmacists and health visitors. This enhanced offer will enable a larger cohort of health and care professionals to access research training and development, to advance their academic research careers.

More details can be found at: [In-Practice Fellowship \(IPF\) Round 18 | NIHR](#)

### **7. Professional Record Standards Body**

The PRSB is aligning its standards to the new Pathology standard ([DAPB4101](#)) going through approval at the [DAPB](#) in March. The current components used in PRSB standards were developed before the recent pathology standards. The PRSB need to ensure that test results and reports that clinicians receive can be shared digitally with their colleagues and can be incorporated into shared care

records. The PRSB are asking clinical informaticians with an interest in pathology to review PRSB standards in light of the new standards to ensure that they align.

To support this work, the PRSB are holding a webinar on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 11am - 1pm**. To register click [here](#).

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