

GENERAL PRACTICE ALERT STATE (GPAS) - SITREP

20th December 2022

CALDERDALE LMC

	GPAS STATUS	OPEL CONVERSION	CLINICAL ACTIVITY	RETURN RATES
NORTH	RED	4	36 / 1000pts	100%
CENTRAL	RED	4	24 / 1000pts	75%
NO PCN			/ 1000pts	0%
UPPER	AMBER 2	3	27 / 1000pts	100%
LOWER	AMBER 2	3	21 / 1000pts	80%
CALDER & RYBURN	RED	4	32 / 1000pts	100%

Bold figures indicate over 50% return rate.

MIN NUMBER OF PATIENTS COVERED BY AMBER + PRACTICES¹.

188,534

GPAS to OPEL Conversion for the county wide assessment

4

Indicative number of patient contacts in General Practice this week².

5,186



Response Overview

submission Count

18

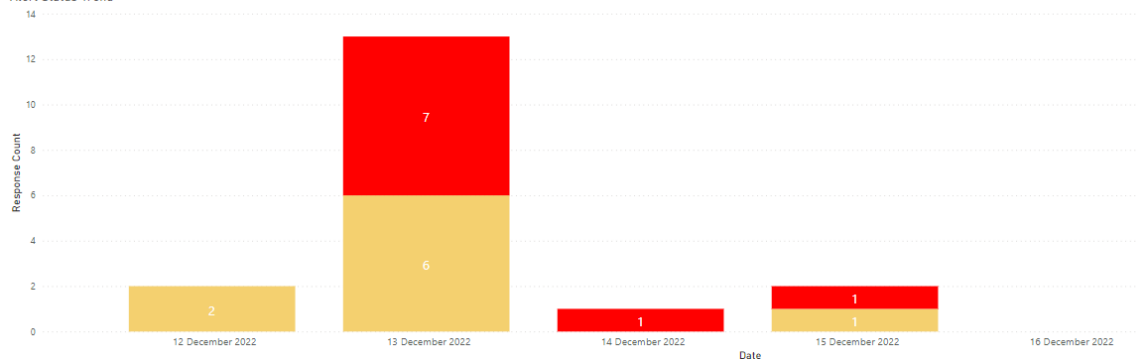
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Alert Status Trend



GPAS – COMMENT / ANALYSIS

The county wide assessment this week is RED / OPEL 4 with all reporting practices assessed as covering a total patient population of 188,534, which is a decrease of 12,956 from last week's reporting. Nine practices reported as red this week, which covers 113,629 patients, which is a decrease of 10,944 from last week's reporting. There are

74,905 patients who are covered by amber practices which is a decrease of 2,012 from last week's reporting. There were no practices who reported as green. The indicative number of patient contact has decreased to 5,186 which is 409 less than last week's reporting. The submission data for this week was derived from 18 practices submitting, which is a decrease on last week's reporting. Currently there is 1 practice that identifies as not being in a PCN, which is outlined in the above table. Clinical activity has increased for Upper PCN with North and Calder & Ryburn PCN remaining the same. Central and lower PCN and has slightly decreased in clinical activity.

PRACTICE COMMENTS

The purpose of the weekly quotes, extracted from comments submitted in GPAS, is just to provide human context from the front line:

"Significant staff sickness- 6 members of staff off sick yesterday. Impacting capacity from both clinical and non-clinical services"

"Our calls and contacts have significantly increased and our team continues to be depleted with 4 vacancies. New practice nurse started but left due to illness."

"We are receiving high demand of calls for children and adults in regard to the Strep A and Scarlett fever, we also have staff sickness (admin and clinical)"

In addition to information submitted yesterday regarding increased demand, we are now experiencing problems with pharmacy stock of Penicillin as well as other antibiotics. "

"Staff off with covid / poorly kids of staff / respiratory symptoms"

"We have lost one trainee and 1 on urgent leave, 1 GP on sick with the virus. Lots of ARRS staff off sick. Several reception off with either child care for children who are poorly or staff who are sick. Running on bare bones right now"

SYSTEM ACTIONS/COMMENTS ON LAST SITREP

The return rate has decreased this week, with 3 practices not submitting data, therefore the clinical data such as number of patient contacts in practices and clinical activity/1000pts submitted this week may not be truly representative of actual for all of Calderdale.

The LMC continues to have direct dialogue with practices and offer their support to practices.

The overall OPEL assessment is a confident position though as an average across PCN and Calderdale.

SUMMARY – to be updated with current issues

The LMCs continue to be concerned about the resilience and forbearance of practice teams across the county; all the signs are that the exhausted workforce is under pressure and that is set to deepen.

The key issues summarised below remain extant.

ISSUE	FIRST RAISED	LEAD
Unauthorised Transfer of work from Secondary to Primary care		STP/CCP
Patient expectations Management (national)		NHSE
Practice capacity to sustain current rates of delivery above core contract		CCP
Workforce retention		System

Patient demand – A higher than expected level of patient contact with practices through both on-line access and telephones due to usual winter pressures has been exacerbated by the current Strep A concerns amongst the patient population, leading to, on average an increase of over 40% in initial patient contact.	12.12.22	System
Workforce – Due to a combination of staffing vacancies and sickness, administration / reception teams across Calderdale are down by around 20%. This has led to long delays in meeting the above demands, and in some cases severe delays in responding.	12.12.22	System
Clinical capacity – Again, vacancies/sickness levels amongst key clinical roles is now above manageable levels. This is now at a level where many of our GPs are delivering patient contacts at more than 50% of the anticipated number. This is also combined with a high level of shortfall in nursing/other clinical roles within general practice teams.	12.12.22	System

The LMC is happy to discuss informally with the CCP on the above to ensure we are coherent on context etc.