

GENERAL PRACTICE ALERT STATE (GPAS) - SITREP

13th March 2023

CALDERDALE LMC

	GPAS STATUS	OPEL CONVERSION	CLINICAL ACTIVITY	RETURN RATES
NORTH	AMBER	3	35 / 1000pts	100%
CENTRAL	AMBER	3	22 / 1000pts	100%
NO PCN			/ 1000pts	0%
UPPER	AMBER	3	29 / 1000pts	100%
LOWER	AMBER	3	23 / 1000pts	100%
CALDER & RYBURN	AMBER	2	31 / 1000pts	100%

Bold figures indicate over 50% return rate.

MIN NUMBER OF PATIENTS COVERED BY AMBER + PRACTICES¹.

164,212

GPAS to OPEL Conversion for the county wide assessment

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Indicative number of patient contacts in General Practice this week².

5,699

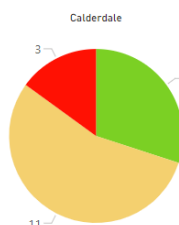


Response Overview

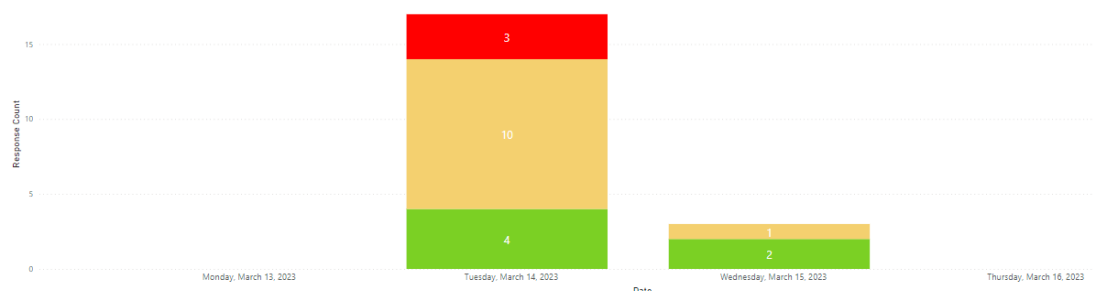
Submission Count

20

3/13/2023 3/16/2023



Alert Status Trend



GPAS – COMMENT / ANALYSIS

The county wide assessment this week is AMBER / OPEL 3 with all reporting practices assessed as covering a total patient population of 214,219, which is an increase of 18,892 from last week's reporting. Three practices reported as red this week, which covers 35,051 patients, which is a decrease of 8 from last week's reporting. There are 129,161 patients who are covered by amber practices which is an increase of 2,890 from last week's reporting. Six practices reported as green, which covers 50,007 patients, which is an increase of 15,994 from last week's reporting. The indicative number of patient contact has increased to 5,699 which is 443 more than last week's reporting. The

submission data for this week was derived from 20 practices submitting, which is an increase from 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 slightly decreased for Central and Upper PCN's and increased for North, Lower and Calder & Ryburn PCN's.

PRACTICE COMMENTS

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

"5 reception/admin team members positive for covid this week, GP's lists increased to cover reduced supervision required due to Junior Doctor Strikes."

"Staff shortage and sickness."

"Ongoing staff/recruitment issues."

"Demand still high, 2 GP partners on phased return, using locums as much as we can.."

SYSTEM ACTIONS/COMMENTS ON LAST SITREP

The return rate has increased this week, with only 1 practice 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
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The LMC is happy to discuss informally with the CCP on the above to ensure we are coherent on context etc.