



Communiqué – May 2025(2)

Calderdale LMC Updates

Committee News

Following the election of our new committee in April, the full members meeting held this month has elected our new LMC Executive for the next three-year cycle.

We are pleased to confirm that the following were successful and will be the Executive Officers:

Dr Sajid Khan (Church Lane) – LMC Chair
Dr Raheem Mukhtar (Boulevard) LMC Medical Secretary
Dr Sangeetha Ganeshamoorthy (Rastrick) – LMC Treasurer

Committee Meeting Updates

2WW Neurology Referrals:

Following recommendations from the committee to proposed changes for the 2WW Neurology Pathway from CHFT, further discussions will take place with the specialist team to reach a final workable position. We will update further once a position is agreed.

ADHD Pathways:

The LMC supported an interim solution between the ICB and SWYFT for the issues related to shared care for ADHD adults. SWYFT have accepted the principle that to enter and maintain shared care with a GP, the patient must not be discharged from service. Additionally, where this has happened in the last 15 months, SWYFT accept responsibility to recall patients. Specific information on the implementation and process for this agreement will be published by the ICB to all practices.

The committee also discussed wider issues relating to the ADHD pathway that included access to appropriate services, issues surrounding services that only assess/diagnose but subsequently do not provide treatment, inconsistency in pathway between Calderdale and Kirklees and questions regarding the expected referral process to the recently commissioned Oakdale Service. These continue to be discussed with the ICB and any progress and updates will be communicated to practices when available.

Vitamin D Pathway (CHFT):

The above pathway was considered and supported by the Committee. This will be shared with practices by the ICB.

Upcoming Events

LMC Meeting

The next LMC Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9th July at 7:45pm.**

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Tirzepatide (Mounjaro) Prescribing Guidance:

Following national news items and the publication of commissioning guidance by NHSe for the above, the LMC discussed the implications for General Practice and the proposed Tier 3 Weight Management service for Calderdale. The LMC Executive will continue to have discussions with the ICB on this and ensure practices are kept up to date on any agreements reached.

BMA Updates

The Value of a GP:

As patient need continues to rise, general practice is buckling under immense pressure. GPs are leaving the profession, or reducing their NHS commitments, at an alarming rate, driven by burnout, unmanageable and often unsafe workloads, and the pull of more attractive careers abroad. And yet, despite this, many fully trained GPs remain unemployed or underemployed while communities struggle to access care. This is a tragedy both for those GPs, and for patients who could benefit were those GPs able to work

In response, at the UK LMC Conference last week, GPC UK launched [The Value of a GP](#) report that brings together a robust body of evidence to highlight the irreplaceable role of general practice in the UK. The report demonstrates the far-reaching impact of GPs, not only on the health and experience of individual patients but on the overall efficiency, sustainability, and economic value of the NHS itself.

General practice is at a pivotal moment. Without bold and immediate action to support and retain GPs, we risk the collapse of a service that underpins the entire NHS.

Watch the speech by Dr Katie Bramall at the UK LMC Conference about the report: <https://youtu.be/RTePDQbpUHU>

Read the report: [BMA general practitioners committee UK overview](#)

Crime and Policing Bill Mandatory Reporting of Underage Sexual Activity:

The Government's proposals in the Crime and Policing bill would require doctors to automatically report to the police or social services every case of underage sexual activity where one partner is 18 or over (e.g. a 15-year-old and an 18-year-old) or in any circumstances when one partner is under 13. The BMA are aware from our members that it is not exceptional for young people aged 13-15 to be in consensual sexual relationships with people who are older than themselves. Whilst the BMA's position is that safeguarding children must be of paramount importance, it is clear that there will be implications for GPs around consultations with young people under the age of 16 who are engaging in sexual activity.

The BMA Ethics Committee is currently considering this matter, and the GPC England is liaising with them. We have advised the minister and officials about our serious concerns about the impact of these proposals on trust in the doctor-patient relationship and the subsequent risks to young people's health and wellbeing, and we are working with other organisations including RCGP, Brook and BASHH to seek amendments.

Read the BMA Ethics [toolkit](#) on 0-16 years which covers sexual activity, confidentiality and safeguarding.

Childhood Immunisation Programme, Changes for 2025/26:

NHS England has now confirmed the following, previously heralded, changes to the Childhood Immunisation Programme. From 1 July 2025

- Cessation of the Hib/MenC 12-month dose
- PCV 13 dose 1 moved from 12 weeks to 16 weeks
- MenB dose 2 moved from 16 weeks to 12 weeks
- Cessation of the monovalent HepB for the selective HepB programme 12-month dose

From 1 January 2026

- Introduction of an additional dose of DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB vaccine at a new routine 18-month appointment
- MMR dose 2 moved from 3 years 4 months to the new routine 18-month appointment

Full details of these changes are available in an NHS England/UKHSA update at: [Changes to the routine childhood vaccination schedule from 1 July 2025 and 1 January 2026 letter - GOV.UK](#)

“Calderdale LMC are here to support you in whatever professional role you undertake, whether in general practice, out of hours services, for the CCG, the Primary Care Network or any other setting. We are the first port of call if you have any concerns or queries related to work”