



Upcoming Events

LMC Meeting

The next LMC Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10th September at 7:45pm.**

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BMA Updates to General Practice

GPCE Committee Meeting with Stephen Kinnock, Minister of State for Care

Minister Stephen Kinnock visited GPCE on 17th July to address the committee and to take questions. The committee expressed its disappointment and concern around the lack of any mention of GMS in the 10 Year Plan, nor any progress toward the wholesale reforms to the practice-level GMS contract that the Government have promised, which indeed was a condition of the committee approving the 2025/26 contract and the profession ending dispute.

Despite the Minister's verbal assurance of commitment to GMS, the committee were not sufficiently reassured of a commitment to the necessary wholesale GMS renegotiation beyond the usual annual adjustments for 2026/27 and beyond.

The committee held a series of votes composed of two motions. Whilst GPCE stopped short of voting to re-enter dispute, they were clear that the following conditions must be met by time GPCE meets on 18th September to avoid the possibility of a future return to dispute. GPCE Executives will be meeting Government officials, DHSC and NHSE next week to discuss the following:

- Confirmation of the funding envelopes for GMS 26/27 and the new GMS negotiation, together with SNP and MNP nominal budgets in this Spending Review
- A roadmap regarding timelines for commitment to GMS contract renewal and investment
- Transfer of the PCN DES ARRS monies into practice-level reimbursements with defined neighbourhood outcomes from April 2026
- An emergency additional GP practice-level reimbursement scheme to reduce GP under/unemployment as soon as possible
- Extension of the Clinical Negligence Scheme for General Practice to cover liabilities pertaining to data-sharing and information governance for the GP patient record from April 2026; and
- That Government is explicit in its preference for General Practice / GP practices to lead single neighbourhood providers and to be the key parties at Place in the selected National Neighbourhood Health Implementation Programme (NNHIP) sites.

[Read Dr Katie Bramall's letter to Stephen Kinnock, MP](#)

National Neighbourhood Health

NHS England [launched NNHIP this month](#), inviting applications to join the first wave of the programme. GPCE has produced a brief [‘focus on’ document](#) outlining the programme, the threats and opportunities involved and a

checklist of key questions and issues for practices and those thinking of signing up.

Following the shift of care into the community via the new 'neighbourhood health' schemes, GPC England has also produced [guidance](#) setting core principles on out how GP practices and GP federations should engage with this and operate in an ethical, constructive and supportive manner.

Focus on Physician Assistants

Following the publication of the [Leng Review into PAs and AAs](#), GPC England has produced new [guidance](#) to help GPs and practices consider how to respond to the changes recommended by the review and subsequent instructions from NHS England.

NHSE intends to publish the updated Network Contract DES specification and Part B guidance for 2025/26 on 31 July so that the maximum reimbursement amounts for ARRS staff can be uplifted (and backdated to 1 April) and to introduce the new provisions which allow PCNs to claim reimbursement for absent ARRS GPs who are employed by a third party. Following the publication of the Leng Review, the ARRS Physician Assistant and Apprentice Physician Assistant role descriptions (annex B of the Network Contract DES specification) have also been amended and have been shared with GPCE for comment.

OpenSAFELY Data Provision Notice

[Data Provision Notice](#) (DPN) for OpenSAFELY to allow expansion to non-COVID-19 analyses has been sent to practices using EMIS Web (Optum) and SystemOne (TPP). The functionality to allow an opt-in for EMIS rolled out this week, and the functionality for SystemOne is already there. Medicus is out of scope.

OpenSAFELY has the full support of GPCE and Joint GP IT Committee. The original COVID-19 service grew out of the pandemic and was unique in the sense that it functioned as a Trusted Research Environment where the most disclosive data (the GP data) stayed in the system suppliers' systems, with the GP remaining as data controller, but, via the Data Direction/DPN in force, made those data available for querying by NHSE, with the subsequent outputs coming under the controllership of NHSE. There is a level of transparency with OpenSAFELY not seen elsewhere – a key factor in gaining our support.

Practices have to comply with the Data Provision Notice by law, however the data will not be able to be accessed until practices, as the data controller, have signalled approval.

MMR Vaccinations for Practice Staff

Due to recent measles outbreaks, NHSE has confirmed that GP practices will be allowed to administer MMR vaccines to their eligible staff who are registered with another practice under INT (immediately necessary treatment). This is a time limited arrangement from 1 August 2025 until 31 March 2026.

Completing doses must be administered in accordance with the recommended intervals in the [Green Book](#) and by 31 March 2026. An item of service fee cannot be claimed for MMR vaccines administered to staff registered with another practice, but indemnity cover will be provided through the [Clinical Negligence Scheme for General Practice](#) (CNSGP) and nationally supplied MMR stock can be used.

