

## Upcoming Events

### LMC Meeting

The next LMC Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7:45pm.**

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### Calderdale LMC Updates

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##### CHFT Interface Update

- Expedite Process – Several concerns for the current process have been raised, especially highlighting a lack of consistency and additional expectations made on practices. A working group with CHFT has been established with the aim to agree a consistent approach across all specialties that is clinically led, improves communication to patients and complies with the CHFT Access Policy.
- CHFT are looking to develop a direct link for clinicians to have access to CHFT clinical protocols, guidance and pathways stored on their internal system. A proposed option will be shared once finalised.

##### CHFT Community Phlebotomy

Following the LMC communicating directly with the ICB and CHFT clearly detailing our concerns over the recent decision to reduce services and the timeframe proposed before service provision reaches agreed capacity, we are now working directly with the ICB to agree and establish an interim solution that ensures a continued service that provides expected capacity, is accessible to our patients and allows funding to flow to point of delivery. We will continue to keep you all updated.

##### Vitaderm

The LMC is fully aware of the increasing concerns being raised by practices regarding the current service provision. We have collated the full range of concerns shared directly with us and are in the process of arranging a meeting with the Vitaderm Clinical Lead and ICB commissioners to address these issues and provide greater clarity around service expectations. Full communications will be shared following this process.

##### General Practice Provider Collaborative

The working group are completing the task of completing the final draft proposals outlining the purpose and responsibilities alongside the optional structure models. These documents will be ready to be sent to all practice partnerships' week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> February for practices to consider prior to the practice event on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

The planned event is critical for the future engagement of general practice with the developing Calderdale Provider Collaborative. It is essential that all practices have 'decision making' attendees to ensure that a mandate is achieved.

If you have not already registered, then please ensure you do so through the following link:

[GPPC Face to Face Event](#)

## National BMA Updates

This week the GPC elected officer team will be meeting DHSC and NHSE to press on with discussions around the Government's consultation on the 2026/27 GMS Contract and discussing our recent practice finance survey results, and we shall be following-up again with NHS England the week after too. Following these discussions once a final contract has been proposed, GPC England will vote on the final offer.

The committee also received:

- Feedback from national GP focus groups – painting a widespread bleak midwinter picture – overworked, under-resourced, but importantly, still feeling the sense of value and pride in the work GPs do for our patients
- A keynote speaker from the Irish Medical Organisation who provided an overview of the GMS contract in the Republic of Ireland and the experience of negotiating their public/private 2019 contract.
- Breakout groups to consider next steps in our contract dispute with reflections from our team of external strategic advisers with whom we are working on the new GMS contract

### Ambient Voice Technologies

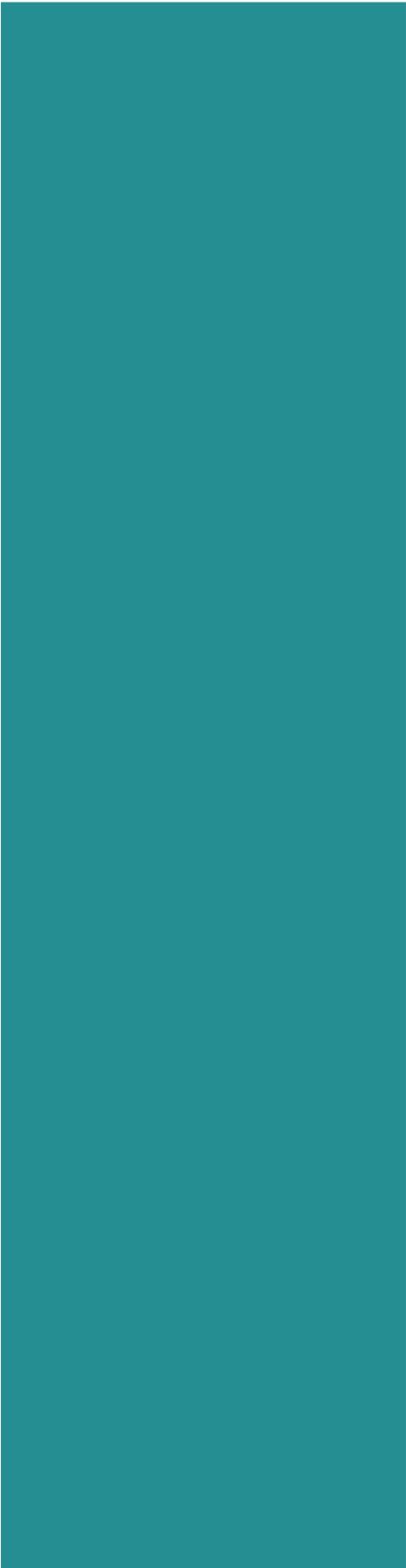
On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January NHS England published a [press release](#) claiming AI note taking 'could save clinicians up to 2 or 3 minutes for each patient consultation, freeing up more time for them to see other patients'. Practices are reminded of the [guidance NHS England publishes](#) and the necessary steps they must take should they choose to make use of these technologies. Patients must be made aware that consultations are recorded for interpretation by computer and their rights of access to any recordings made, and any interim transcripts created by the AVT should be made available for review. Errors, or 'hallucinations', in the AVT output, in addition to immediate correction, should be reported to the MHRA via its [Yellow Card reporting scheme](#).

### National Media Engagement – A&E Attendances

GPC England chair Dr Katie Bramall recently responded to a Guardian article: [Huge rise in number of people in England's A&Es for coughs or hiccups, 31 December](#). Dr Bramall said:

England's general practice meets unsustainable pressures with record productivity: 250,000 additional GP practice appointments are being delivered a day compared with 2019. It is the fall in the number of inpatient beds gumming up the A&E system, not a fall in GPs' capacity to treat patients.

With that said, we have thousands of GPs looking for [NHS](#) work across England right now. Just 105 more GPs could have delivered the 1.9m appointments for people seeking help for headaches that the article mentions who went instead to A&E over the last five years.



We are still 750 GPs short of where we stood a decade ago, with GPs receiving only 34p per patient per day. The government is keen to progress its “neighbourhood” model, but without more GPs and more funding for them, patients won’t see any meaningful change.

*“Calderdale LMC are here to support you in whatever professional role you undertake, whether in general practice, out of hours services, for the ICB, 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”*