



## LMC Comms – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Collective Action Information



You will be aware that following the imposition by the Government of the GMS Contract 2026, GPC England announced they were in dispute and that unless conditions clearly laid before NHSe were met, then collective action by GPs would be called from 1<sup>st</sup> May. (BMA GP Campaign Information: [Campaigning on the future of General Practice](#))

Unlike the previous campaign, GPC England are calling on practices to focus on single actions detailed by the BMA collectively. The BMA confirms the following to General Practice:

*'Based upon feedback from the profession in 2024-25, GPC England is recommending one single action for May, focusing on the sharing of GP patient data outside practices, in the form of practice data sharing agreements (DSAs). This action is lawful and may in fact reduce the liabilities on a partnership. We foresee that it will be welcomed by patients keen for greater transparency that will strengthen the trust between GPs and patients. Nevertheless, it will impact integrated care systems and the wider NHS Government agenda which is increasingly seeing a 'left shift' of work from hospitals into practices, without any commensurate resource to meet the challenge.'*

At this initial stage, the BMA are asking practices to consider:

1. Sending the template letter (attached to this comms) to your local ICB, indicating you will stop agreeing to voluntary secondary uses data sharing agreements (DSAs) from May 2026
2. Refer any new DSA requests to BMA via [gpcontract@bma.org.uk](mailto:gpcontract@bma.org.uk) prior to any agreement to sign.

The template letter should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, West Yorkshire ICB (Shaukat Ali Khan: [shaukat.alikhan@nhs.net](mailto:shaukat.alikhan@nhs.net)), and copied to the Chief Data Officer (Richard Irvine: [richard.irvine@nhs.net](mailto:richard.irvine@nhs.net)) and your DPO, Helen McNae ([Helen.Holt@this.nhs.uk](mailto:Helen.Holt@this.nhs.uk))

**Calderdale LMC, while supporting the BMA call for collective action following the recent contract imposition, advise all practices that participation remains an individual practice decision. We also further advise, that regarding DSA's specifically, GP Connect is a contractual requirement and any agreements required for this element to function must remain in place.**