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Dear colleagues

We are writing to you on behalf of the Local Medical Committees (LMCs) across Yorkshire. As LMCs, we represent GP practices, general practice services and all GPs working across North Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and Humberside.

We have collectively been advised by many of our GPs of inappropriate requests by your service to accept transfer of prescribing of medications for the treatment of gender dysphoria.

While we accept and support the fact that a small number of GPs will feel comfortable prescribing such medications, we would like to remind your service that, at no point, should any undue pressure be applied to GPs to encourage them to agreeing to take over prescribing of these medications.

People with gender dysphoria deserve access to safe, fully-commissioned care.

As a group of LMCs, we all supported the motion passed at the LMC England Conference in November 2022 asking the BMA GP Committee of England to petition the Department of Health and Social Care to commission suitable services for people with gender dysphoria.

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Medication for gender dysphoria should be initiated by a specialist and prescribed by GPs only in the context of a funded shared care agreement that a GP chooses to accept. GPs accepting shared care should have appropriate skills and knowledge and be offered appropriate training.

Local services should be commissioned by NHSE to enable such shared care agreements to be implemented safely. Currently, these are not commissioned adequately and, while this is regrettable, does not mean it is appropriate that GPs are expected to pick up this commissioning gap. Rather, we should all be campaigning together for better, commissioned, safe care for this underserved cohort of people.

We would be very amenable to a meeting to discuss this further if you would like to be in touch.

Yours faithfully

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