

LMC ViewPoint

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Pressures in general practice data analysis

The latest monthly data was recently released and continues to highlight the workforce and workload issues facing the profession. These are the headlines:

GP Workforce - June 2022

The NHS has lost the equivalent of 69 full-time fully qualified GPs compared to the previous month (May 2022). In the last year alone there has been a decrease of 442 full-time equivalent fully qualified GPs. 367 of this is in the GP Partner group, which means GP Partner loss accounts for over 80% of the FTE fully qualified decrease. We now have the equivalent of 1,806 *fewer* fully qualified full time GPs than we did in September 2015 when this dataset began - despite the average number of patients each GP is responsible for having increased by around 300 – or 16% - since 2015.

On a headcount basis, over the last year we have seen 358 GP Partners and 512 salaried, locum and retainer GPs lost, creating a net loss of 870 individual GPs from the NHS since June 2021.

Meanwhile, there is a record-high total of 61.8 million patients registered with practices across the country, with a record high average of 9,538 patients registered per practice.

GP Appointments Booked – June 2022

The number of standard (non-covid) appointments booked has seen a decrease of 1.7 million appointments from 27.6 million in May 2022 to 25.9 million in June 2022. One explanation for there being a decline in the number of appointments could be the Jubilee bank holidays at the beginning of June, which meant that the number of working weekdays were fewer in June compared to May (there was only one bank holiday in May).

The no. of vaccination appointments has fallen by close to two thirds, from 736,000 in May 2022 to 278,000 in June 2022. Combined, the total number of appointments booked in June 2022 (26.2 million) has decreased by 2.1 million in comparison to the previous month.

In terms of access, over 44% of appointments in June were booked to take place on the same day which is consistent with the previous month. The ratio of F2F / remote appointments remains similar, with around two thirds (65%) of appointments booked to take place F2F.

New GMS, PMS and APMS contract variations published

NHS England have published [GMS, PMS and APMS contract variations](#). The variation notices incorporate changes made to the contract Regulations and Directions in April 2022 and July 2022. In addition, updated standard GMS, PMS and APMS contracts will be published to reflect the introduction of Integrated Care Boards (ICBs).

As part of changes from 11 July there are now requirements to:

- print and send copies of the electronic record of deceased patients to Primary Care Support England (PCSE) has been removed
- respond to valid COVID-19 exemption confirmation requests has now been tied to either legislative requirements for individuals to be vaccinated or prove they are exempt for clinical reasons, or guidance in place to that effect.

Parents or guardians of children aged 5-11 years can now obtain a digital NHS COVID Pass

Parents and guardians can now request a digital NHS COVID Pass for travel for children aged 5 to 11. This provides a record of the child's vaccinations and proof of a positive COVID-19 NHS PCR test in the past 180 days. Travel letters for 5-11 year olds who have received a full primary course

of a COVID-19 vaccination, as well as recovery letters showing proof of a positive COVID-19 NHS PCR test in the past 180 days for this age group, are already available. Details can be found on the [Covid-19 pass site](#)

Long Covid services

NHS England has published the [NHS plan for improving long Covid services](#). The plan provides an update on progress since last year and outlines the framework for deploying the £90m committed by the NHS for long COVID services during the 2022/23 financial year. Dr Kiren Collison, who chaired the taskgroup, has written a [blog](#) highlighting what has been done but also what work is still to do in this area.

National and West Yorkshire COVID-19 infection rates

On the 28 July, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) published the latest national influenza and COVID-19 report, monitoring COVID-19 activity, seasonal flu and other seasonal respiratory illnesses. Surveillance indicators suggest that, at a national level, COVID-19 activity has decreased in several indicators in week twenty-nine of 2022. The main findings include the number of acute respiratory infection incidents (suspected outbreaks) decreased to 416 in week 29, compared to 528 in the previous week. Positivity for laboratory confirmed cases for week 29 was 8.3 per 100,000 population, a slight decrease from 10.3 in the previous week. The hospital admission rate was 16.29 per 100,000 population, in the previous week it was 18.22 per 100,000 population. Hospital admission rates for COVID-19 were highest in the North East, with a rate of 20.19 per 100,000 population.

Hospitals across West Yorkshire now have a total of 446 patients with COVID-19. This number has reduced by 204 (31%) from a peak of 650 on 19 July. The current total includes 17 patients in mental health beds. The number in HDU/ITU is six

The UKHSA is reminding the public that COVID-19 has not gone away and to remember to keep up good hand and respiratory hygiene. The number of community infections in England remains high although the number of infections appears to have peaked. In the w/e 20th July the number of COVID-19 infections in the community fell, with 4.8% of the population in England estimated to test positive, or around 1 in 20 people (data published 29 July 2022). There remain variations in prevalence across the country, however, all regions appear to have passed the peak. In Yorkshire and Humber an estimated 4.6% of the population were estimated to test positive for COVID-19 in the week ending 20 July.

Patient access to their records

NHS England wrote to GP practices and primary care stakeholders on the 21st July 2022 outlining the revised timeline for patients to have access to their future health [information](#). From 1st November 2022, patients at practices using TPP and EMIS systems will automatically have access to their prospective records online.

Practices have been asked to prepare for this change by identifying patients who could be at risk of serious harm from access to their records to ensure the right safeguarding processes are in place. There are a number of resources available to support preparing for the change, including a series of webinars for practices and commissioners. These are available at the NHS Digital [Access to patient records through the NHS App](#) site. This also contains links to an updated RCGP GP Online Services toolkit, a series of short videos on key topics, a package of communication materials for general practice teams to use to inform their patients of the change and to promote access information governance (IG) guidance and a national template to support a data privacy impact assessment by a practice team.

Changes to suspended patient records

From Monday 8 August practices will receive the EHR (Electronic Health Record) of suspended patients via GP2GP at registration which may reduce the amount of time practices spend on administration at summarisation. Practices will still receive the Lloyd George Record and a printed version of the EHR from Primary Care Support (PCS) and you should continue to print records for

patients removed from your lists without a new registration according to your usual processes. All EHRs received by GP2GP must be manually integrated or filed within eight days or GP2GP will assume an error has occurred and the practice sending the record will be asked to print it and send it to you via PCS.

Digital Firearms Marker

NHS Digital have worked with Home Office to develop a new digital marker process to monitor the health of firearms holders. The rollout of the new digital marker process began in July 2022, however it has been temporarily suspended on EMIS systems while work is done to amend the process, with more information on the [BMA website](#). The digital marker is still available on TPP systems. The pre-existing manual process remains available for use in the interim when a firearms application is received. A further update about the rollout will be provided in August.

Lung cancer campaign

On Monday 1 August, NHS England began re-running the lung cancer phase of the 'Help Us, Help You' campaign, which will continue until October. The aim of this campaign is to raise awareness of the key symptom of lung cancer – a cough that lasts for three weeks or more, and to encourage those who have this symptom to contact their GP practice. The campaign targets adults over the age of 60, who are more at risk of lung cancer, and particularly those from C2DE socio-economic groups.

Serious Shortage Protocol for Combisal® (Fluticasone 125microgram / Salmeterol 25microgram) pressurised metered dose inhaler (pMDI).

A SSP has been issued to enable community pharmacists in England and Wales to supply patients with Fluticasone 125microgram/Salmeterol 25microgram pressurised metered dose inhaler (pMDI). The SSP is now available to view on the NHS Business Service Authority (BSA)'s [dedicated SSP web page](#), along with supporting guidance. The SSP came into effect on 22 July 2022 and is currently due to expire on 19 August 2022. Should this change, the SSP will be updated accordingly and published on the BSA web page.

GP Assembly

The first General Practice Assembly took place on 22 June 2022. This forum provides anyone working in general practice the chance to share their views about a range of relevant topics and to inform decision-making in the Leeds Health and Care Partnership. The first Assembly focused on general practice representation, QIS 22/23, and the Workforce Plan.

The [presentation slides](#), [summary](#), [agenda](#), and [further information](#) are available to view. The next session is scheduled for 21 September. Whatever your role in general practice is, we encourage you to attend and be heard.

Polio virus detection

Vaccine-like type 2 poliovirus (PV2) isolates have been found in multiple sewage samples in London between February and June 2022. In an announcement of [immediate actions](#) for general practice and school immunisation providers on 22 June, practices were advised to opportunistically check that patients are up to date with their polio-containing vaccines and catch-up anyone who is un/under vaccinated. Practices are also encouraged to check the immunisation status of newly registered children and adults, particularly new migrants, asylum seekers and refugees and bring them up to date with the UK schedule at the earliest opportunity.

To support practices, a [resource pack](#) for immunisers has been developed. The school immunisation provider, Leeds Community Healthcare, will be running a number of catch up clinics through the summer for children up to and including Year 11. Any children who have left school and need missed vaccinations should be vaccinated by the GP practice. Patients missing tetanus, diphtheria, polio (Td/IPV) can be vaccinated at any age. Vaccine supplies for these patients can be ordered via ImmForm.

Monkeypox (MPX) update – 1 August 2022

Please see the [attached Monkeypox update](#), including advice for primary care, information on vaccines, de-isolation and discharge of monkeypox-infected patients.

Medicines shortages

Phenergan 25mg tablets (Sanofi) and Promethazine hydrochloride 25mg tablets (Teva UK Ltd) are currently out of stock. The expected resupply date is 19 August 2022. Access the [Medicines Supply Tool](#) on the Specialist Pharmacy Service website for further information and guidance on alternatives.

Alendronic acid tablets are currently out of stock and have an expected resupply date of 26 August 2022. Access the [Medicines Supply Tool](#) on the Specialist Pharmacy Service website for further information and guidance on alternatives. There is also guidance to consider reviewing the need for bisphosphonate treatment based on national guidance for patients that do not have sufficient supplies until the resupply date.

Public Health Programme Team - Flu Vaccines 2022-23 Season: Additional Doses Available

The Buying Group has been informed by MASTA that they are in a position to supply **additional doses** for the recently added 50-64 age cohort. If practices place orders as soon as possible they can include the additional doses within the September delivery allocation.

Orders can be placed by emailing fluteam@masta.org and will be under the usual agreed Buying Group terms and will be confirmed on receipt.

Vaccine Supply Information for Extended Cohorts

As you are well aware seasonal flu vaccination remains an important public health intervention and a key priority for 2022/23 to reduce morbidity, mortality and hospitalisation associated with flu at a time when the NHS and social care will be managing winter pressures, potentially including further outbreaks of COVID-19. The aim of the NHS flu vaccination programme for the 2022/23 season being to demonstrate a **100% offer** and to **achieve at least the uptake levels of 2021/22 for each cohort**.

As per the updated National [Annual Flu Letter](#) and updated [Reimbursement Letter](#) circulated to practices on 25th July, those aged 50 to 64 years not in clinical risk groups will be eligible for vaccination from 15th October 2022. As per these letters, additional stock is available from several suppliers.

Seqirus have confirmed: To amend existing orders, customers should contact our sales team on **0345 0093804** or email at flu.salesuk@seqirus.com by **12th August 2022** at the latest, and we will be pleased to assist with their order amendment.

To confirm, any QIVc orders placed for this additional cohort will not divert stock away from existing QIVc orders in place for the Under 65 clinical at-risk groups; from a supply perspective, Seqirus confirm sufficient stock is available to support requirements for the expanded cohort.

Sanofi have also confirmed: Following the announcement of the extended cohorts they have been able to secure (from global stocks) additional supplies of QIVr and QIVe. Stocks will be allocated on a first come first served basis – there is no formal closing date, orders can be placed whilst ever stocks are available.

Stocks will be delivered from mid-October to align with the start date of the extended cohort

Orders can be placed via:

- your local vaccine account manager
- Vaxishop
- Customer services

Sanofi have reiterated, this additional supply/ordering/delivery etc will not impact on orders/deliveries already agreed for the immediate cohorts.

Workshop by the Office for Health Improvement & Disparities

Building on the success of the Covid-19 Vaccination Webinar workshops responding to Vaccine Hesitancy, the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities have worked in partnership with Health Education England to commission a similar workshop to align with what will be a highly important Autumn/Winter vaccination programme for 2022/3. They particularly wish to target participants who come into contact with low vaccine and screening uptake populations, including: areas of high deprivation, ethnic minority groups, parents of 2&3 year olds and school age children, those in at risk categories and care home settings.

Concept and Objectives

The primary objective of the Autumn booster programme this year will be to increase protection against severe COVID-19 disease for those at higher risk. In addition there is an added need to address the inequalities in uptake of flu vaccination.

Vaccine hesitancy amongst some eligible populations can present a risk to population health and more often negatively impact some of our poorest communities and/or risk groups. Our conversations are powerful, therefore the provision of skills training that uses the principles of Making Every Contact Count (MECC) and Motivation Interviewing (MI) is an important skill that can be utilised to combat disinformation and myths and whilst providing the necessary reassurance and confidence in what is a safe and effective vaccine.

The skills training covers:

- How can we work together to build vaccine confidence, what we know and how this links to health inequality
- Core skills and processes (OARS, Evoke-Provide-Evoke, Decisional Balance, and the 3As)
- Skills practice – Building confidence in the vaccine
- Resources that staff can use to respond to questions and concerns

The session will be interactive and include modelled conversations that showcase the core skills and processes being used. The application of this work can be far-reaching. Although this is focused on Flu Vaccinations, these skills can be utilised for childhood immunisations, Covid vaccine, cancer screening and other health-promoting activities

This provision has been funded by Health Education England Y&H in partnership with the NHS Public Health Programmes Team Y&H. Each workshop can cater for 30 people and lasts for 1.5 hours, dates available from the 12th September 2022 – 10th January 2023.

Booking link below

[Y&H Webinar: Building Vaccine and Screening Confidence Training Programme \(yhphnetwork.co.uk\)](https://yhphnetwork.co.uk)

Support for General Practice - join the discussion

GPs and practice staff are invited to join a series of focus groups, which will look at ways to support general practice across West Yorkshire. There's more information about the project, the time commitment involved and how to register interest on the attached flyer. Attendance at the focus groups will be funded and there is more detail about this too on the attached flyer.

As there will be different needs within practice teams, there will be practice team focus groups (inviting managers, administrative staff, receptionists, nurses, other clinicians) and GP focus groups (inviting partners, salaried, locum and trainee GPs). The organisers are keen to ensure they have a wide range of attendees to ensure good representation so please do share this invitation with all members of the practice team.

HEE supported training

A 2-day interactive workshop is being provided to support clinicians with their own wellbeing, whilst also developing enhanced communication and consultation skills, and cultivate a resilient mindset. These sessions include:

Day 1: You will gain a deep understanding of the key aspects of psychology that build resilience and learn how to apply them in clinical practice. You will master the core skills of self-observation, communication, breathing, visualisation, meditation, and mindfulness and experience practical examples of these. You will also have the opportunity to reflect on and evaluate the effects of putting your new understanding and skills into practice using the Resilient Practice Workbook.

Day 2: You will have the opportunity to measure your individual resilience needs using the 'Resilient Practice Gap Analysis Tool' to which the tools are clearly mapped. You will experience a wide range of practical accessible resilience tools and techniques from which you will create your own Resilience Toolkit. You will then explore scenarios common to medical practice (complaints, difficult consultations, conflict within the team) and apply your toolkit in each.

Follow the links below to book your FREE place:

September 9th and 23rd 2022 9:30-15:30

<https://www.maxcourse.co.uk/HEEYHME/guestCourseCalendarCourseDetails.asp?cKey=24263>

November 18th and December 2nd 2022 9:30-15:30

<https://www.maxcourse.co.uk/HEEYHME/guestCourseCalendarCourseDetails.asp?cKey=24264>

March 10th and 17th 2023 9:30-15:30

<https://www.maxcourse.co.uk/HEEYHME/guestCourseCalendarCourseDetails.asp?cKey=24265>

Research priority setting with the General Practice Workforce: 10 minute Survey

The School of Health Sciences, University of Surrey is conducting a national survey to identify and prioritise a shortlist of service delivery challenges that require further research, as identified by the general practice workforce. This survey has been reviewed and has received a favourable opinion from the University of Surrey. Study findings will be used to ensure that future research seeks to address areas of unmet need, as determined by the workforce. This study is led by Dr Ruth Abrams, Lecturer in Workforce, Organisation and Wellbeing research. The survey asks three key questions from a workforce perspective: (1) what is working well in general practice; (2) where are the challenges; and (3) what needs fixing, as well as basic demographic information.

Target Group: All staff (clinical and non clinical) working in UK General Practice including reception staff

Survey information and link: <https://rabrams0.wixsite.com/primarycare-research>

Deadline: Fri 23rd September 2022

September New to Partnership Programme

Please see details below on the upcoming **New to Partnership programme**, starting on **Wednesday the 7th of September**. If you have any new partners in your constituents please share the information.

FAO New Partners in Practice

This is now our third time running the programme and we are thrilled with how the past attendees have benefited. Here is some of the lovely feedback our course leaders have received:

'This programme has helped me to communicate better and has increased my confidence.'

'I now have improved confidence that as a new partner I belong in the room, and I add value.'

'The practical top tips have helped me improve my efficiency at work.'

Would you like to have the opportunity to use your NHS Funding to give you a greater understanding of the non-clinical skills needed in your new Partner position? The next cohort for the Xytal New to Partnership programme starts in **September 2022**. Supporting you to develop the

skills and knowledge to thrive as a new partner, providing practical tools and techniques that you can start to use straight away. Find out more or book a free consultation by visiting the website [New to Partnership Programme \(xytal.com\)](https://xytal.com).

To view and download the Xytal New to Partnership brochure please follow the link:



[New to Partnership NonNHSE brochure.pdf](#)

Spaces are limited for this programme so be sure to register your interest as soon as possible via the below registration form:

[Xytal New to Partnership Programme Sign Up \(hubspotpagebuilder.com\)](https://xytal.com)

QOF Quality Improvement (QI) Webinar Series

NHS England are hosting a new webinar series providing quality improvement to support general practices with implementing the 2022/23 QOF Quality Improvement Modules on Prescription Drug Dependency and Optimising Access to General Practice. The next webinar in the series is on **Wednesday the 3rd of August from 1:30pm - 3pm**. The topic of this session is '**Optimising Access in General Practice QOF QI Module – What is it and why do it?**'. Register to attend via the link below:

[QOF Quality Improvement \(QI\) Webinar Series | NHS England Events](#)

Managing a compliant

Please find attached information regarding 7 minute briefing managing a complaint.

West Yorkshire ICS Monthly Update August 2022

For your information, please see the attached summary of the development work currently going on in the WY ICS.

PCC Insight August

This edition includes articles on the opportunities brought by the Fuller Stocktake. It includes a case study on Derby City Place Alliance where partnership working brought together health, social care and the third sector to start to improve patient pathways and smooth the patient journey. Other articles include how the primary care estate can help with addressing inequalities, what the latest dental reforms mean in practice, top tips for presentation skills, as well as examples of the questions we receive through our helpdesk for primary care commissioners.

Access your copy [here](#).

Latest Cameron Fund Video

Please see attached short video explaining why membership of the Cameron Fund makes a difference and how people can join and would be very grateful if you could share it with your committee members, colleagues and contacts:

CF Video 9: Membership

<https://youtu.be/5sOYMg1qmLA>

Vacancies

Nurse Associate - BHR PCN

South and East Leeds GP Group

The closing date is 31 August 2022

<https://beta.jobs.nhs.uk/candidate/jobadvert/U0053-22-9554>

NEWTON SURGERY, LEEDS - Salaried GP Vacancy (Full or part time)

This role has become available due to a retiring partner.

We are seeking a keen and enthusiastic GP to join our friendly, successful PMS practice.
We are surrounded by a nice & a local active community

We offer a supportive working environment, focusing on your professional and personal wellbeing

We value strong effective team working and actively encourage the involvement of our multidisciplinary team in practice development. We will listen to your ideas, and you will be given the chance to see them to fruition.

We believe in providing excellent patient centred care.

The Practice

- Supportive clinical team currently 1 current partner, salaried post to advert, 1 practice nurses, 2ANPs & 2HCAs
- Practice pharmacists dealing with medication reviews and repeat prescribing
- First contact physio and social prescriber
- excellent management and admin back up.
- District nurses on site
- The practice embraces a wide range of services including LARC and anticoagulation
- Purpose built premises both main site spacious consultation rooms, ample safe parking
- 5000 patients

Your Role

- Up to 8 sessions (full or part time position available)
- A very reasonable number of patient contacts per surgery
- Low visiting rates
- The opportunity to get involved in training registrars
- Reduced admin. Robust systems to ensure equitable distribution of admin, including a team to read and code letters.
- No weekend or out of hours' work

The Benefits

- Competitive salary
- 33 days holiday plus 2 days study pro rata
- Mentoring and support for professional development
- practice-based education, the opportunity to discuss clinical cases.
- Career progression (support in developing areas of interest)
- Flexibility and support - strike a good work/life balance
- Superb working environment
- Regular in-house appraisal

Enquiries to Dr Gulrez Khan , Gulrez.khan@nhs.net

Nova Scotia Medical Centre- Salaried GP to work Mondays/ Tuesdays/ Wednesdays (2 to 6 Sessions)

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an enthusiastic GP to join our friendly, well-organized, forward thinking practice. We are looking for either a newly qualified or experienced GP to work in our PMS practice in Allerton Bywater near Garforth in Leeds.

Nova Scotia Medical Centre is a respected General Practice established in 1935, with traditional GP values offering compassionate personalised care and patient services to a list size of c.5900 which has grown through reputation and local residential development. The working environment is friendly, respectful, warm, and valued, with a low staff turnover.

The surgery is supportive of any candidates wanting to develop a professional portfolio with specialist interest and for any candidates looking to work flexible hours around family or other professional commitments.

The current surgery team comprises of

- GP Partner
- Two salaried GPs
- Experienced Nursing and HCA team
- Physician Associate
- First contact practitioner physio
- Attached PCN pharmacists
- System One Clinical System
- High Qof achievement
- We offer a wide range of services to patients including contraception services, maternity learning disability health checks etc.
- Extended hours provided by the Hub
- Rated Good for CQC
- Part of the Leeds 25/26 Primary Care Network
- Close links and good working relationships with locality practices
- Regular clinical meetings
- Competitive salary of £10000 per session, MPS Professional Indemnity and NHS Pension
- Supportive induction for newly qualified GP's
- partnership opportunities
- BMA salaried GP contract is offered.

To apply please send your CV with a covering letter to Dr Vishal Kapoor, at vishalkapoor@nhs.net. We would welcome practice visits or phone 07894 874626 to discuss the role.

Burmantofts / Harehills / Richmond Hill PCN – Vacancies

<https://beta.jobs.nhs.uk/candidate/jobadvert/U0053-22-9554> Nursing Associate - BHR PCN – Closing date 31st August 2022

<https://beta.jobs.nhs.uk/candidate/jobadvert/A3928-22-7582> Care Coordinator – BHR PCN – Closing date 26th August 2022

<https://beta.jobs.nhs.uk/candidate/jobadvert/U0053-22-4231> HCA with an interest in Mental Health – BHR PCN – closing date 13th August 2022