LMC Update Email
13 November 2026

Dear colleagues



FP69 national list validation

We were extremely disappointed by the national decision to use recouped funding from the accelerated national practice list validation programme for the PCN DES proactive care scheme announced on Monday this week. We have been clear with the Minister of State for Public Health and Patient Safety (Dame Diana Johnson), the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England officials that funding recovered via this process must be reinvested back into core practice funding. Without question, practices should not be being asked to undertake extra work in order to 'earn' back funding on which they've already budgeted.

In our GPC England meeting yesterday, 12 November, the Committee consequently passed a resolution demanding that Government immediately ceases the list validation process and enters into urgent discussions with GPCE to ensure that the process is safe, equitable, and returns all associated funding to practice's core funding where it will continue to be used to provide patient care.

Alongside our objective of a roadmap to £50 extra per patient, we will continue to engage in talks with DHSC and NHSE about how money recouped from list validation is reinvested going forward. To help clearly evidence the problems in these discussions, we're asking practices to complete a snap poll on the impact that the process has had for them. This should take no more than a few minutes to complete and will close on **Wednesday 18 November**. **Take the snap poll on list validation impact for General Practice**

Ministerial meeting and letter on winter pressures

On the 27 October GPC England Chair, Dr Clare Bannon met with Rt Hon Dame Diana Johnson, Minister for Public Health and Patient Safety, and officials. Minister Johnson provided an overview of departmental priorities outlining that the Government was committed to the 10YHP to a shift to the left. She also highlighted funding limitations based on current fiscal circumstances.

Dr Bannon outlined key concerns including funding asks, list validation and ongoing workload pressures. During discussions on list validation, the Minister committed to the money saved being returned to general practice and her officials confirmed there would be a small reserve for those practices most impacted (around £5-6 million). It was agreed another meeting would take place in the coming weeks.

We have since written to Minister Johnson asking DHSC to allocate at least 50% of the recently announced £190 million extra NHS winter pressures funding directly to General Practice.

Silicon Practice

Earlier this month NHSE wrote to the ICBs, Trusts, practices and 111 providers affected by Silicon Practice's sudden entry into administration. As well as providing the FootFall online consultation tool, the company also hosted numerous GP practices' websites which all became inaccessible. GPCE has received assurance from NHSE that practices will not be held in breach of contract whilst they seek alternative provision for website hosting and online consultation tooling. Affected practices can seek support from their ICB or directly from the NHS Commercial and Procurement hub (a service within NHSE's Digital Primary Care Team, via this email commercial.procurementhub@nhs.net).

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Semaglutide (Wegovy) for cardiovascular risk reduction

NICE now recommends semaglutide to reduce major cardiovascular events in adults with established CVD and a BMI of 27 kg/m² or more. This is a welcome advance, but it involves an eligibility assessment and several reviews over a 16-week dose escalation. It is not core GMS/PMS work or part of QOF, and should only be delivered in general practice through a fully funded LES/LCS.

We would advise caution if you are offered a local service. We are aware of areas in England where tirzepatide for obesity was commissioned as an LES, and the funding was withdrawn once it was added to QOF for 2026/27, leaving practices carrying the workload. Before agreeing to anything, seek written confirmation of funding and check what happens to existing patients if the service ends.

Read our guidance

LMC England Conference 2026

The Agenda for the 2026 LMC England Conference at Friends House, 173-177 Euston Road, London NW1, which takes place on Friday 20 November, has now been published.

This will be an important opportunity for representatives from all England LMCs, who have contributed to the motions under debate, to share their views, concerns, and aims for the future.

For more information see here: Local medical committees
Please send any queries to info.lmcconference@bma.org.uk

National Workforce Reporting Service

Contractors are reminded that they should be regularly reviewing the data held against their practice workforce within the National Workforce Reporting Service). Accurate data on the GP workforce is vital to the work of GPC England and the Sessional GPs Committee. All work should be recorded in hours and all work servicing the NHS contract should be accounted for. Salaried GPs are advised to check personally with practice managers that the hours recorded against their work are appropriate. The next collection will take place on the last day of the month, so please review and update records before then. GP-specific statistics are published monthly and can be viewed here

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