

## Derby & Derbyshire Local Medical Committee Meeting Summary

**Date:** 6 November 2025

**Time:** 14:00–16:00

**Location:** Santo's Higham Farm Hotel, Alfreton

### Items Discussed

#### **Practice Liaison and Team Update**

It was noted that the volume of recent enquiries from GP practices related to contractual matters. Mostly relating to the new requirements of online consultations and QUEST sessions.

The LMC continues to work with system partners to ensure that work undertaken in GP practices is appropriately recognised and funded. Practices were reminded of the importance of providing relevant data when requested, as this supports negotiations with the ICB.

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#### **SPoC (Single Point of Contact) Update**

Usage has continued to increase across Derbyshire, reflecting its growing value to practices. Work is underway with the trusts to improve the consistency and timeliness of responses, and practices were encouraged to report issues. It was confirmed that further updates, including refined guidance and referral links, will be shared with practices as the system continues to develop.

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#### **Website and Communications Update**

The search function has been enhanced so that it now includes both public information and member only resources, with members able to access additional-only resources, with members able to access additional documents by logging in. Several pages have been redesigned to make navigation clearer, and a video walkthrough will be produced to guide members through the new layout.

The newsletter has moved to a more interactive online format, with embedded links directing readers back to the website for further information. It continues to be distributed by email but can now also be accessed directly via a link, providing greater flexibility.

A significant increase in public engagement through social media platforms. Several patient face-facing posts explaining pressures on general practice have reached large audiences. A new DDLMC YouTube channel has been launched, which will host supportive resources for practices.

In addition, a new series of seven patient information posters has been created to help explain unfunded work and its impact on general practice. These posters will be shared in stages and can be used by practices locally to support patient understanding.



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### **Medical Director and Executive Update**

The LMC continues to work closely with local hospital trusts to improve referral processes, diagnostic pathways and communication between primary and secondary care. Efforts remain focused on reducing avoidable administrative workload for practices and ensuring clarity about appropriate clinical responsibilities across the system.

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### **National Contract Changes Introduced on 1 October**

The committee discussed the implementation of national contractual requirements that came into effect on 1 October, particularly those relating to the availability of online consultation systems until 6:30 pm. The LMC highlighted concerns around workload, capacity and patient safety, and noted that these concerns are shared nationally. Additional guidance is expected from national bodies, and updates will be communicated to practices as soon as they are available.

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### **Unmatched Pathology Results**

The committee noted that the planned discussion on unmatched pathology results could not take place due to the absence of the lead representative. The item will be carried forward to the next meeting.

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### **GP Provider Board and Conference Updates**

A summary of the recent GP Provider Board meeting and the LMC Annual Conference was shared with the committee. Attendees noted positive feedback and useful insights gained from both events.



Committee Present:	Dr Meryll Watkins (MW) Chair	Dr Abigail Lucking (AL)
	Dr Iram Afshan (IF)	Dr Ajay Mahajan (AM)
	Dr Ripon Afshan (RA)	Dr Hazel McMurray (HMcM)
	Dr Blessing Aziegbemi (BA)	Dr Ben Milton (BM)
	Dr James Betteridge-Sorby (JBS)	Dr Christine Moody (CM)
	Dr Katie Bowman (KB)	Dr Mitesh Patel (MP)
	Dr Rachel Burnett (RB)	Dr Caroline Robertshaw (CR)
	Dr Sudeep Chawla (SC)	Dr Selina Sawhney (SS)
	Dr Louise Clarke (LC)	Dr Joanne Swindell (JS)
	Dr Ashley Dawson (AD)	Dr Sam Thomson (ST)
	Dr Simon de Sousa (SdS)	Dr Weronika Tobiasiewicz (WT)
	Dr Lakhvinder Dhamrait (LD)	Dr Peter Williams (PW)
	Dr Noreen Jawad (NJ)	Dr Michael Wong (MWO)
	Dr Susan Karimi (SK)	
Attendees:	Hayley Scott (HS)	Tim Skinner (TS)
	Bethany Hagan (BH)	
Invitee:	Brodie Bagshaw (BB)	Holly Goodrich (HG)
	Nelle Hutchinson (NH)	Simon Jones (SJ)
	Kay Smith (KS)	
Apologies:	Dr Emma Pizzey (EP)	Dr Kate Woodier (KW)
	Julie Chaplin (JC)	
Did Not Attend:		

