



**Derby and Derbyshire Local Medical Committee
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Re: Open Letter to Practice Regarding Press Article on GP Access Data

Dear all,

DDLMC roundly condemn the misuse of GP access data to create league tables that do not compare like with like. We know that practices are working incredibly hard at the moment to meet unprecedented levels of demand and these comparisons are divisive, unwarranted and do not give anyone valuable information.

This week's article in the Derby Telegraph does not reflect the efforts made in every practice across the county to meet the local demands of their patients with the available workforce. Neither the LMC nor the ICB were consulted ahead of this article, but we have already registered our dissatisfaction and sought to clarify the inaccuracies it contains.

We are pleased to say Derby and Derbyshire ICB have been very supportive in this process and we acknowledge the work of the communications team in helping to correct the misuse of this data.

We continue to lobby nationally on your behalf and deplore the fact that NHSE has published this data in a way that allows such meaningless and inappropriate comparisons to be made. DDLMC stands with practices in managing issues arising from the publication of this data and would be pleased to hear from any practice in need of additional support.

Thank you for your outstanding, continued efforts at a time of such unprecedented demand in the face of the workforce crisis.

Best wishes,

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