



11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Colleague

Welcome to this week's edition of the LMC Express. The local updates for this week include:

- Kent LMC letter to MPs: Urgent action to save General Practice in Kent and Medway
- eDec – submission deadline 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- Update on DOCMAN feed into Kent and Medway Care Record (KMCR)
- General Practice Alert State (GPAS) National Reporting Dashboard
- Useful Links
- Upcoming LMC Interface Meetings

### **Kent LMC letter to MPs: Urgent action to save General Practice in Kent and Medway**

Kent LMC have previously met with Kent and Medway MPs to discuss the crisis in General Practice. Following our [survey findings](#) we have written a letter to all Kent and Medway MPs requesting their help in securing support in a number of areas including; funding, premises, increased capacity and reduced bureaucracy. We hope this will lead to meaningful discussions with the ICB on ways to support General Practice and we will keep you updated on any outcomes.

### **eDec – submission deadline 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Since the guidance shared last week around Question 2N (attached for reference) there has not been any further updates from NHSE or the BMA. We will continue to share any relevant information received.

### **Update on DOCMAN feed into Kent and Medway Care Record (KMCR)**

As a result of a recent review conducted by the ICB, the practice of automatically transferring all letters from GP records through the DOCMAN feed into KMCR will be discontinued. The ICB continues to develop KMCR. Moving forward all providers will be asked to supply their own information in line with their own governance. For GPs the feed will be EMIS Problem Lists, Allergies and Medications.

### **General Practice Alert State (GPAS) National Reporting Dashboard**

The national GPAS reporting dashboard has been published and shows the pressure general practice is under. Last week Kent & Medway practices reported Opel 4.

Thank you to practices that continue to provide input into GPAS on a weekly basis. The information you provide is invaluable in evidencing the pressure general practice is operating under. The GPAS information from the national dashboard will be used by the BMA and feed into contract negotiations.

Submissions continue to be completely anonymised. The LMC is not able to identify individual practices from the submissions. The only data that is shared with either the ICB or other

stakeholders is aggregated at HCP or Kent and Medway level. The more practices that take part in GPAS, the more robust the evidence will be. **Collecting this data is assisting the LMC in illustrating operational pressures in general practice. The report takes less than 5 minutes to complete each week.**

We would encourage every practice to submit a report on weekly basis and to also provide comments and feedback. Furthermore, if you are experiencing acute operational pressures please do get in touch with either the LMC or the ICB to seek support

The LMC is able to assist with getting practices started on reporting. Information can be found on our website at [Kent LMC - General Practice Alert State \(GPAS\)](#) or please email the LMC at [info@kentlmc.org](mailto:info@kentlmc.org) **If your GPAS contact person changes or leaves the practice, please update us with the new contact person at [info@kentlmc.org](mailto:info@kentlmc.org)**

To view the latest GPAS SitRep please [click here](#)

The LMC is currently working the ICB to explore the support that can be offered to practices when declaring any state beyond Green. For example this could be additional resources, changes to operations with a practice or the wider healthcare system, assistance with communications. We would welcome any ideas from practices as to the help or support that could be offered to a practice when challenged by increased operational pressures and so declaring, a state of amber, red or black: please send them to the LMC at [info@kentlmc.org](mailto:info@kentlmc.org)

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## Upcoming LMC Interface Meetings

The following meetings are taking place over the next couple of weeks. If you have any issues that you would like us to raise please email [info@kentlmc.org](mailto:info@kentlmc.org) with the title of the meeting and details of your request.

**EKHUFT/ICB/LMC Interface Mtg – Thursday 21 December**

Kind regards  
Kent Local Medical Committee