



BLMC NEWSLETTER – 1st of September 2026

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1. Impact of Sanofi flu vaccine cancellations

Following the recent cancellations of flu vaccine orders by Sanofi, the Immunisations and Vaccinations team is trying to assess the impact of cancellations on BSol practices.

In order to help us understand this, please complete the following short survey: [Impact of Sanofi flu vaccine cancellations – Fill out form](#)



2.AI-generated complaints

We have been made aware of many practices are reporting a noticeable increase in lengthy complaints and associated correspondence which appear to have been generated, or heavily assisted, by AI tools.

As such, Gloucestershire LMC have shared the attached AI Generated Complaints pdf which they have given permission for us to share with you.

If practices wish to add this to your website/complaints policy, then please feel free to do so if you feel it will be helpful.

3.Upcoming NHSE/GatewayC webinar - lung cancer screening 24.09.2026

Please find attached pdf webinar promotion and newsletter, for your information. Anyone who wishes to join the webinar can do so via the pdf file by clicking on the link. If anyone has any questions, please do let us know.

4.HPV self-testing launched through the NHS Cervical Screening Programme

HPV self-testing [has launched](#) through the NHS Cervical Screening Programme, providing an additional option for women aged 30 to 65 who have not attended cervical screening following previous routine invitations.

The offer is invitation-only and will be rolled out in phases. Invited people can order a free kit through the NHS App, their NHS online account or via the order telephone line. Resources are available to support primary care colleagues, including the [communications toolkit and Q&A](#), and [patient information leaflet](#) (log-in required).

An HPV self-testing e-learning module will also be available following [the NHS Cervical Screening Programme webinar](#), providing colleagues with further information and learning on HPV self-testing.



5. New resources to support high-quality urine sample collection for suspected UTIs

Urinary tract infections (UTIs) are a common presentation in general practice. High-quality urine sampling helps to reduce contamination, supports accurate diagnosis and promotes antimicrobial stewardship. To support patients and healthcare professionals, the UK Health Security Agency and NHS England have developed [new leaflets and videos for patients](#) about how to collect a urine sample.

6. Request to Circulate Government Consultation on Tobacco and Vapes Packaging, Appearance and Display

SENT ON BEHALF OF BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC HEALTH - Government Consultation on Tobacco and Vapes Packaging, Appearance and Display

I am writing to make you aware of the Department of Health and Social Care's recently launched consultation on **Tobacco and Vapes: Packaging, Appearance and Display**, which seeks views on proposals to regulate tobacco, vaping and nicotine product packaging, device appearance and retail displays under the Tobacco and Vapes Act.

Given the valuable insights that pharmacists, GPs and other healthcare professionals can provide on smoking cessation and vaping, it is important that their views help inform the Government's proposals.

I would be grateful if the Local Pharmaceutical Committee/Local Medical Committee could circulate details of the consultation through your networks to encourage participation from healthcare professionals.

The consultation can be accessed here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/tobacco-and-vapes-packaging-appearance-and-display>

The consultation is open until **11:59pm on 2 October 2026**

Thank you for your support in helping to ensure that the perspectives of frontline healthcare professionals are represented in the consultation response.



7. PUBLIC HEALTH - ENSURE YOUR PRACTICE DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE

The LMC have been copied into various emails in relation to missed payments, incorrect GP details and management changes. Below are some areas where practices MUST ensure that they have notified Birmingham Public Health of any changes to their details. There is also a powerpoint to assist. If anyone has any concerns, then please do contact us for further information.

New management

If a GP Practice changes its practice manager, the new practice manager will need to email BCC Public Health to advise they are the new practice for which GP practice and advise if the bank details have changed also. We can then change the correspondence list we have to the new practice managers details and inform our vendor data team to send a BACS form out for the GP PM to complete and send back along with a redacted bank statement and signed letterhead matching the details of the name of the practice and bank account details.

Change of bank details

The Practice manager will need to email BCC PH that the GP practice has changed bank details, so we can put any future payments on hold until the new bank details have been added onto the vendor account. BCC PH will then instruct our vendor data team to send out a BACS form to the PM to complete and send back to BCC PH and vendor data team along with a redacted bank statement reflecting the new bank account details and a signed letterhead showing the GP Practice details.

Change of address

If a GP Practice moves address, the PM will need to inform BCC PH of the change address in which we will then instruct our vendor data team to change the address on the vendors account on our finance system.

Change of ownership

If a GP Practice changes ownership, the new PM/Owner will need to email BCC PH and inform us of the change of ownership. We will then put any future payments on hold until they have carried out the instructions on the presentation pages 1-15. The owner will need to create a new vendor on the Oracle finance system and once they have received the new vendor number, email BCC PH with the new vendor number, redacted bank statement and signed letterhead with the bank account details also written on it. We will then instruct our vendor data team to check the account matches the details on the redacted bank statement and signed letterhead, do their security checks and once they are satisfied they match they will spend approve the new vendor account.



8.SENT OF BEHALF OF PUBLIC HEALTH Urgent Reminder: Mandatory Use of New BSol NHS Health Check Template

I am writing to remind all GP Practices that the **new BSol NHS Health Check template must be used for all completed NHS Health Checks.**

We continue to receive queries regarding payments and which template should be used for the NHS Health Check service. As previously communicated, the use of the new template became mandatory from **January 2026**, following notification to providers in **November 2025**.

Please be advised that **any NHS Health Checks completed using either the old template or the Ardens template will not be eligible for payment.** Under the contracts signed with Birmingham City Council, clauses **12.1** and **14.1** provide grounds for withholding payment where service requirements have not been met. In particular, clause **14.1** requires the satisfactory performance of the services.

It is important to note that NHS Health Checks completed on the old or Ardens templates **cannot be retrospectively transferred or copied onto the new template.** Doing so would create duplicate records within the dataset reported to the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID). This data is essential for monitoring the number of adults receiving NHS Health Checks, identifying health conditions, tracking referral pathways, and informing the planning and commissioning of preventative health services.

Data extracted by **MLCSU** confirms that approximately **50% of Quarter 1 completed NHS Health Checks were not recorded using the correct template** and are therefore **not eligible for payment.**

I would like to strongly remind all GP Practices that the **immediate and consistent use of the new BSol NHS Health Check template is required.**

New BSol Template Names:

TPP: *NHS PH BHAM AND SOLIHULL HEALTH CHECKS 25 26 V3.1*

EMIS: *NHS PH BHAM AND SOLIHULL HEALTH CHECKS 2025 26 V3.1*

The correct templates have been uploaded to all practices via the **ICB** and **MLCSU** and can be located under the names listed above.

If you are unable to locate the new template, please contact either myself (Russell Phillips) or MLCSU, and we will support you with locating and implementing it.

THE LMC WOULD STRONGLY URGE ALL PRACTICE TO ENSURE THAT WHEN A NEW TEMPLATE BECOMES AVAILABLE THAT ALL OLD TEMPLATES ARE REMOVED FROM THEIR SYSTEMS.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either Russell Phillips Russell.Phillips@birmingham.gov.uk or via the LMC.



9. Invitation: Help shape national policy on NHS patient data sharing - Help shape how health data is used across the NHS

Important decisions are being made about how patient data is used across the NHS - and you can help shape them.

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has commissioned a national programme of engagement to understand the views and experiences of GPs and practice managers on the use of health data. This programme is being delivered **independently** by Ipsos and Kaleidoscope Health and Care.

This is not a tick-box consultation. Your input will genuinely influence national policy and legislation.

What is this about?

The engagement covers the use of patient data across three key areas:

Individual patient care: When and how other health professionals can access and add to the GP patient record (with a current focus on the Single Patient Record).

Planning and population health management: How patient data is used for routine planning at regional and national levels.

Health research: How GP patient data is used for research into new treatments and medications.

Why your voice matters

GPs and practice managers will be at the centre of delivering these changes - as decision-makers, trusted professionals, and the people who explain data choices to patients. Participating does not require you to take any particular position on data sharing. DHSC simply believes that hearing from professionals with a variety of perspectives, experiences, and concerns is critical.

We are looking to hear from **all types of GPs** (salaried, partners, locums at all career stages) and **practice managers/senior staff**. We are especially keen to hear from those in rural, coastal, and deprived areas, as well as single-handed or small practices.

How to get involved (Flexible options)

We know your time is precious. The programme runs from July to October 2026, and you can choose the level of involvement that works for you:

The Survey (10 mins): Share your immediate views and preferences on patient data sharing.

Inside View (60 mins): Get up to speed with a recorded expert briefing from DHSC policy leads, available on-demand.

In-depth Workshops (By invitation): The survey acts as a registration link. You can opt-in to be considered for a structured deliberative process (online and in-person sessions) working directly with policy leads to develop recommendations.

Take the 10-minute survey here: <https://survey.alchemer.eu/s3/91120146/DataEngagement>



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Read more about the programme here: <https://dataengagement.kscopehealth.org.uk/>

Your participation is entirely voluntary. All data is handled in strict accordance with UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. Your personal details will never be shared without your explicit consent, and all outputs will be fully anonymised.

10. Please see below for the seminar details and joining instructions. If you haven't already received the meeting invite, please let us know

Birmingham LMC have secured the following seminar from LMC Law for its GPs and Managers to attend free of charge. If you are interested in attending this seminar then please accept the meeting invite and follow the joining instructions below on the day. If anyone has any questions, then please do let me know.

PRACTICAL EMPLOYMENT LAW INCLUDING EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

This seminar is aimed at practice staff particularly practice managers but is also relevant for both salaried GPs and GP partners and covers the principles of employment law.

Topics covered include:

Basic GDPR and Privacy notices

Importance of paperwork for recruitment and selection, employment checks, probationary period and management of staff issues

Removal of staff

TUPE

E&D including unfair treatment and issues to be aware of

Topic: Employment law (BLMC)

Time: Oct 6, 2026, 01:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89773342386?pwd=r6Bjl8p1Qmc2U4upnhbOBTAT8Hx27R.1>

Meeting ID: 897 7334 2386

Passcode: 257188



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Please note our office contact times remain 10:00-16:00 and any queries on the day should be directed to birmingham.lmc@nhs.net. If you do call the offices, then please leave a message as this will be transferred direct to our emails and we can respond quicker.

Please note that the LMC are unable to accept calls or hold communications with patients, we are GP representatives, and we would respectfully ask that Practices do not advise patients to contact us. Could we also remind Practices that any copies of patient related correspondence MUST be anonymised as the LMC cannot accept patient identifiable data.

Helpful Links:

BMA Website: <https://www.bma.org.uk/advice-and-support/gp-practices>

GOVERNMENT Website: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> for recent and upcoming changes, guidance & support.

NHS ENGLAND Website: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/>