

YORLMC Ltd

About us & how we support you

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YOR Local Medical Committee Limited (YORLMC Ltd) is the brand name for Bradford & Airedale and North Yorkshire LMCs, also referred to as Branches of YORLMC. It is the professional voice for all NHS GPs and practice teams across these areas.

YORLMC is an independent, not for profit organisation. It is not a trade union. YORLMC has been actively supporting its constituent GPs throughout what has been a difficult transition period as a result of the evolving healthcare landscape.

YORLMC is a gateway to pastoral care and provides personal and totally confidential support for GPs and practices in difficulty or experiencing major change. It also provides personal advice and support for GPs and practices on a wide range of issues.

Our committees

YORLMC Ltd is a democratic organisation. It has two primary committees that are elected to represent all local GPs:

Bradford & Airedale LMC

is the representative forum for all GPs in Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale & Craven. It is chaired by Dr Stephen Patterson and is made up of 17 members drawn from across BAWC.

North Yorkshire LMC

is the representative forum for all GPs in the North Yorkshire & York. It is chaired by Dr Sally Tyrer is made up of 23 members drawn from across NYY.

Constituent GPs and Practice Managers are encouraged to attend local LMC meetings and take part in debate with their elected colleagues. There's further information on the YORLMC website at <https://www.yorlmcLtd.co.uk/aboutus>



Support and advice

YORLMC Ltd currently supports approximately 1650 GPs, and 160 practices across Bradford, Airedale Wharfedale & Craven and North Yorkshire and York.

As the voice of General Practice locally, YORLMC's elected members work for and support individual GPs, their practice teams and also the wider professional voice of general practice.

YORLMC represents the views of its GPs, practice managers and the wider practice team to NHS England, CCGs and other national and local organisations.

YORLMC's role is not just about GMS/ PMS services but about the majority of things that GPs and practices do in their normal working day. It takes a proactive approach and is continually horizon scanning to ensure the Committees are informed, up to date and able to prepare practices for future changes.

The range of support offered by YORLMC covers a vast range of varied topics including:

- individual pastoral queries
- patient related queries
- practice level queries
- regional level queries

GPs and practice staff can contact YORLMC on 01423 879922 or info@yorlmcLtd.co.uk

How YORLMC is funded



All LMCs across England are statutory bodies who represent the interests of General Practice. Those statutes allow LMCs to “levy” a fee for their services from practices. This is deducted at source, meaning whilst it will not appear in your accounts it will be shown on your Open Exeter statements. This is called the statutory levy and is included in global sum.

The statutory levy funds just about every aspect of the LMC’s work other than where grants from NHSE/CCGs for specific projects have been made.

Nationally there are in the region of 120 LMCs and their structures and the services they provide vary significantly across the country. All LMCs are funded on a pence per patient basis. The patient population covered and the services individual LMCs provide vary significantly and it is therefore inequitable to compare the levy of one LMC to another.

In addition to the statutory levy, LMCs collect a national Levy. This funds the National Negotiating Committee (GPC) through the GP Defence Fund (GPDF) and supports national work as well as medical charities. For the period 1.4.19 to 31.3. 20, the statutory levy is 99p per patient. For the same period the national levy is 6ppp. The levy is calculated on raw (actual) list size. The whole amount for both is deducted from practices and paid across to the LMC. For the year 2020/21 the YORLMC Board has taken the decision to keep the levy the same as the previous year. In addition, the national Levy for 2020/21 is reducing by 1.5p.

YORLMC is non-profit making. Decisions about the Statutory levy are made by the Board of YORLMC. It has 8 Directors and 6 are GPs who pay or have paid this levy. They are very aware of the fact this is GP money and there is a robust governance structure. They are proud of what they do (as are the employed staff working within the Corporate Affairs Team) and work is delivered within a tight financial envelope.

The annual accounts are drawn up and audited at the end of the financial year on 31 March. They are presented at the AGM. As a limited company, the accounts are posted at Companies House and are available from YORLMC on request.

LMC Members and Officers are paid travel expenses and an honorarium to prepare for and attend meetings.

This is an abridged version of a more detailed document which is available on the YORLMC website.

Services for you

There’s more detail at www.yorlmc.co.uk but just some of YORLMC’s services are:

Pastoral support

Over the last 2/3 years pastoral work has increased significantly. This work is done confidentially so GPs/ practices will be unaware of the amount of support being given to individuals behind the scenes.

Wellbeing

YORLMC has been developing a range of services that will support wellbeing and enable individuals to either look after their own health or know when to seek help before difficulties arise. During the COVID-19 emergency, YORLMC has launched a COVID19 Peer Support Programme (CPS) and collated a suite of resources - there is more detail on the [YORLMC website](http://www.yorlmc.co.uk).

Support for PCNs

This work is enabling YORLMC to provide coordinated support and guidance to PCNs.

Legal and HR services

A range of services funded through the levy or available at preferential rates.

Training and development

GPs and practices are signposted to YORLMC’s network of training providers.

The YORLMC Corporate Affairs team works hard to secure funding from other sources that will supplement the levy. Specifically, the CAT has over the last 3 years, secured significant funds predominantly by bidding for money from NHSE to help fund additional new services.