

YORLMC News

For practices in North Yorkshire & York and Bradford & Airedale

Message from Dr Brian McGregor

Dear colleagues

Rebuild General Practice campaign

Thank you to all colleagues who are engaging with the Rebuild GP campaign on social media. This important campaign calls for:

- **Recruitment:** The UK Government delivering on its commitment of an additional 6,000 GPs in England by 2024.
- **Retention:** Tackling the factors driving GPs out of the profession such as burn out.
- **Safety:** A plan to reduce GP workload and in turn improve patient safety.

The latest phase of the campaign is in the form of a [Letter to my Patients](#) – an open letter signed by GPs across the country, including me and others in our area – setting out the challenges we face in delivering the excellent care we all want to offer to our patients.

There are many ways to get involved in this important project. YORLMC regularly shares messages and graphics from the Rebuild GP campaign on our [Twitter account](#). Please consider using these on your own social media accounts.

There are more resources and campaign assets available via the Rebuild GP campaign – please see the [YORLMC website](#) for more information.

With best wishes

Brian

Dr Brian McGregor, YORLMC Medical Secretary



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Meet the team

Dr Charles Strachan



Dr Charles Strachan is the YORLMC Locality Officer for Bradford and has just been elected to GPC UK for a one year term from the Conference of UK LMCs. He is a partner at Low Moor Medical Practice in Bradford. He also serves as Chair of the CCG Council for Bradford Districts and Craven, which will finish on 30 June this year.

The GPC (general practitioners committee) is an important national body, representing all GPs in the UK. It deals with all matters affecting NHS GPs, regardless of BMA membership. There's more information about the role of GPC UK on the [BMA website](#). Charles joins YORLMC Medical Secretary [Dr Brian McGregor](#) on GPC UK: Charles's seat is elected by the UK LMC Conference with a term of one year;

Brian is the GPC representative for Bradford & Airedale and North Yorkshire & York.

In his role as YORLMC Locality Officer for Bradford, Charles is part of a team of GPs leading YORLMC's work across Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale & Craven, providing clinical leadership and representing GPs. Alternating with Dr Laura Molyneux (AWC Locality Officer), Charles chairs the bi-monthly BAWC locality meetings to which all GPs and Practice Managers in the area are invited and are very welcome to attend. Dates for forthcoming meetings are available [here](#) (meetings also take place in North Yorkshire and York and dates for those meetings are available [here](#)).



Drs Laura Molyneux, Maria Foulds, Danielle Hann, Steve Patterson and Charles Strachan at the LMC UK Conference in May

Medical exemption service

As of 12 May 2022 the domestic NHS COVID Pass is no longer available, and the medical exemptions service (119) will no longer accept new applications from people who want to use the domestic NHS COVID Pass to prove they cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons.

The 119 service will continue running at a minimal level until 11 July, only accepting queries to the call centre and processing outstanding applications via GP assessments into the Summary Care Record application (SCRa). GPs will be required to continue processing applications until 11 July to comply with the amendments to GP regulations. Previously granted exemptions will continue to show throughout in the NHS Covid Pass under "view my records" except where they have expired due to time-limited grounds.

The NHS COVID Pass for international travel will continue to be available as normal. More information about medical exemptions can be found on [gov.uk](#).

Navigating the GP sponsorship process webinar

The BMA has partnered with legal firm Magrath Sheldrick, who oversee the BMA's [immigration advice service](#), to develop a webinar on navigating the GP sponsorship process. The webinar is aimed at GP employers and offers practical tips on how to navigate the current sponsorship process to recruit non-UK nationals and addresses frequently asked questions on the process itself. The link to the webinar is www.magrath.co.uk/gp-practices-sponsor-licence-process/

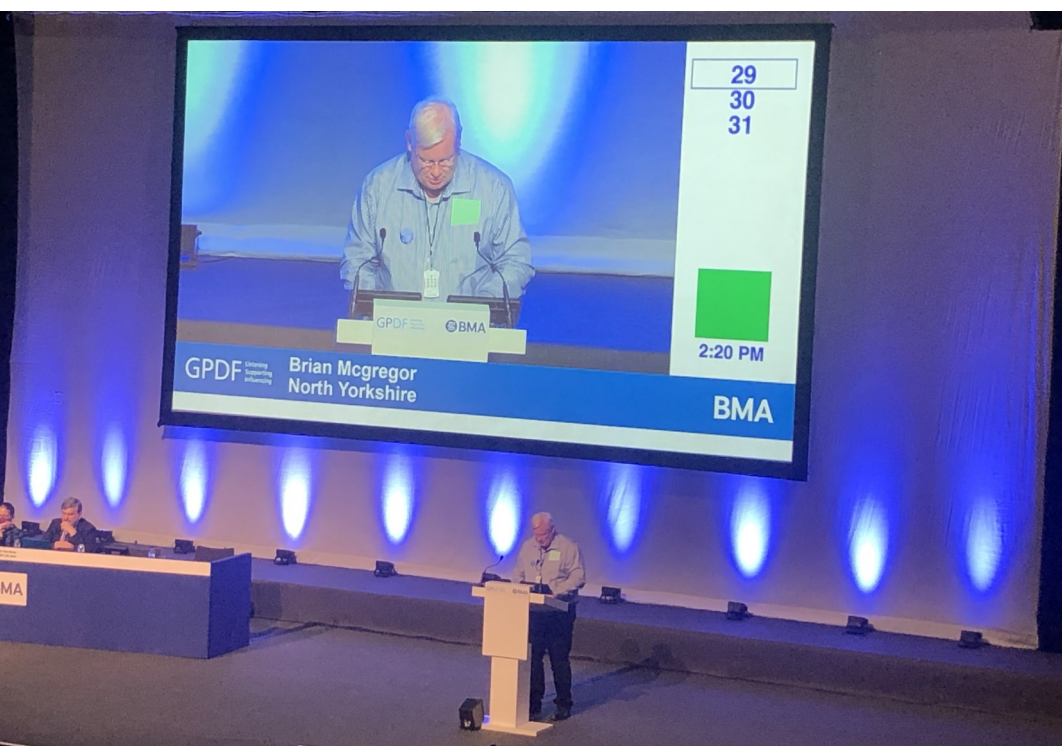
If you have any questions, or would like to share your experiences of navigating the sponsorship process, please contact Caroline Strickland, Senior Policy Advisor, International Affairs (cstrickland@bma.org.uk).

More information about certificate of sponsorship is available on the [BMA website](#)

UK LMC Conference 2022

Representatives from Bradford & Airedale LMC and North Yorkshire LMC attended the Annual Conference of Representatives of LMCs on 10 & 11 May. This conference brought together LMC reps from across the UK to debate a range of motions, helping to set GPC UK policy.

The resolutions and election results from the conference are available [here](#). The conference voted through a motion calling on the national GPCs renegotiating the GMS contracts to include workload limits in order to protect patients and staff. Motions looking at GP working hours, social media and GP training were also debated. Several YORLMC attendees spoke at the conference, including Medical Secretary Dr Brian McGregor (pictured below), Chief Executive Angela Foulston and Scarborough & Ryedale Locality Officer Dr Cath Chapman.



Delayed contractual changes for deceased patient records

NHSE/I have confirmed that the contractual changes for the management of deceased patient records have yet to take effect. This is due to required legislative and system changes remaining outstanding and means that practices should continue printing and sending the full records to PCSE until NHSE/I notifies the profession otherwise. PCSE will also retain the obligation to process AHRA requests it receives directly until that time.

NHS Support Group for Healthcare Professionals with Neurodiversity

Dr Adrian Lamb is facilitating a support group for Healthcare Professionals who have a diagnosis of Neurodiversity and work within the Yorkshire and Humber Region for the NHS. Please see the flyer at [Appendix 1](#) for more information.

Yorkshire Practice Management Conference

Capsticks in partnership with Lloyds Bank will hold a Yorkshire Practice Management Conference in Harrogate on Wednesday 21 September 2022. There's more information, including how to book, [here](#).

GP training needs reform: the status quo isn't working for anyone

A recent BMA survey has shown a shocking level of unacceptable behaviour towards trainees. Read more in this [blog](#) by Euan Strachan-Orr, chair of the BMA's GP Trainees Committee.

Improvements to benefit eligibility at the end of life

On Monday 4 April 2022, eligibility for the Special Rules changed. This means that individuals can make a fast-tracked claim to two working age benefits if they have an estimated 12 months or less to live. To support people accessing these benefits and to find out more about the **new** process and medical evidence form, [DWP have published this guidance](#).

GPC ARM elections

Nominations are open for 10 seats on [GPC UK](#) for a one-session term. At least one seat will have their principal place of work in England, one in Northern Ireland, one in Scotland and one in Wales, and be elected by the RB as a whole. [Find out what you can expect as a committee member](#)

To stand in this election, you must be a BMA member and have a BMA online account. Nominations will close at 10am on Monday, 27 June. [Nominate yourself at elections.bma.org.uk](#). Voting will take place during the [ARM](#) on 27–29 June. Voting is open to delegates of the ARM only.

Patient access to their GP-held records

As advised in a previous edition of the newsletter, patient access to GP records is now due to be launched in the summer. NHSE/I are running a series of webinars which may be of interest to practices – more details, including how to book, are available [here](#).

YORLMC services

Buying Group

Members of the LMC Buying Group can access discounts with any of the suppliers on the attached list at [Appendix 2](#). To access these discounts, you can either login to the Buying Group website and request a quote or if you contact the supplier directly, you need to make sure you mention your practice is a member of the LMC Buying Group or state the discount code from the suppliers page of the Buying Group website. If you were using an approved supplier before you became a Buying Group member or have been using a supplier for a long time and aren't sure if you are receiving the correct rates, you can email to check: info@lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk. For further information on LMC Buying Group member benefits or to speak to a member of the team, you can live chat via their website: <https://www.lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk/> or give them a call on: 0115 979 6910.

Jobs page

YORLMC has a job page on our website at <https://www.yorlmcld.co.uk/jobs>. Please visit this page to view current vacancies and details of GPs seeking work. NHS Practices in the YORLMC area seeking to fill GP and staff vacancies and GPs seeking work in the YORLMC area can place adverts on the job page free of charge. To place an advert please email info@yorlmcld.co.uk

The Cameron Fund

The Cameron Fund has launched its latest video explaining about the importance of donations to the Cameron Fund's work and how to make a contribution. The video is available [here](#) and there's more information about this important charity on the [YORLMC website](#).

Free staff satisfaction survey and analysis from Qualitas

Qualitas is offering 50 GP practices in England a free staff satisfaction survey and analysis – to help identify the key issues facing staff within General Practice and how tangible improvements can be made to their day-to-day working lives. Practices can register their interest [here](#).

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