

Communication

Communication between LMC representatives and constituent GPs is essential. We communicate in many ways including:

- + newsletters
- + website
- + social media
- + media
- + events
- + meetings
- + consultations.



Contact us:

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[@KernowLMC](https://twitter.com/KernowLMC)

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How we are funded:

We are funded by a levy which is collected from practices on a statutory basis. This covers partners and salaried GPs and allows full access to our services. Other types of GPs are charged an individual levy and again this permits full access.

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How we support local general practice

Who we are:

We are an elected committee of local GPs including partners, salaried GPs, trainees, portfolio GPs, locums and academic GPs. We strive to represent the whole spectrum of the general practice workforce in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly (IoS).

Local Medical Committees are statutory bodies enshrined in British law. They are the only independent representative voice of all Cornish GPs and on many issues commissioners are obliged to consult with them.

What we do:

We address issues such as workload, workforce and resilience on behalf of local GPs and practices.

Key activities:

- + Provide confidential pastoral support to individual GPs/ practice managers
- + Provide advice and guidance around administering the GP contract
- + We negotiate with Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group (KCCG) and other relevant bodies to secure the best terms and conditions for GP businesses
- + We represent the interests of GPs in the process of reshaping local healthcare
- + We mediate on behalf of GPs in times of conflict within practices or between constituents
- + We are consulted for advice with performance concerns and on these occasions we try and provide contextual and pragmatic input
- + We provide confidential practice support to vulnerable GP practices
- + Run educational courses for GPs and practice staff
- + Provide a conduit between 'coalface' GPs and the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) which is the negotiating arm of the British Medical Association (BMA) for GPs. Through this route we can influence the GP contract.



On a day to day basis we can help you with advice and guidance in areas such as:

- + Contracts
- + Interaction with hospitals
- + Partnership agreements or disagreements
- + Fee charging
- + General Medical Services (GMS) contracts
- + Personal Medical Services (PMS) contracts
- + Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) contracts
- + Care Quality Commission registration and compliance
- + Complaints and disciplinary issues
- + Medical records
- + Revalidation
- + Vaccinations
- + Pensions
- + Cornwall and IoS health system insight
- + Confidential pastoral support to all GPs.

The LMC also works very closely with practice managers to provide information and listen to local issues.

How to become a member of the LMC:

Membership of the LMC and the support it can offer is open to all GPs working in general practice in Cornwall and IoS, whether as principals in a GMS, PMS or APMS practice, salaried doctors, locums and other portfolio doctors.

How to get involved:

If you are on the Cornwall and IoS Performer's List we represent you by default. You are our constituents irrespective of employment status.

Committee members are democratically elected every three years. If you are on the Performer's List and have paid your levy then you may even want to consider standing for election yourself. You do not need to be of a certain age or experience – you will represent the other GPs like you. The Committee meets on alternate months to highlight current issues in general practice and members can feed back to the GPs they represent.

One of our biggest challenges is staying in touch with GPs who are new to the area or not attached to a specific practice. If this is you, then please forward your details to admin@kernowlmc.co.uk and we will make sure you are in the loop about what is happening locally.

