



Londonwide LMCs

The professional voice of London general practice

What we do

Londonwide Local Medical Committees (Londonwide LMCs) is the clinically led independent voice of general practice in the Capital. We aim to secure the future of general practice through our work with all partners in the health and social care sector and beyond, and by supporting and representing over 7,000 GPs and 1,100 practices in London through the 27 locally elected committees that we serve.

Local Medical Committees (LMCs) are a stable part of the NHS landscape and have been in place, supporting GPs, for over a century. Recognised in statute under the NHS Act as the representative organisation for NHS general practice, LMCs remain the only independent, elected, representative body for local GPs, providing advice, guidance and support on a range of issues that affect general practice. They are made up of practising GPs and practice staff elected by local GPs.

For you

We support all GPs at all levels who are experiencing problems at work, through the expert advisors and practising GPs in our GP Support team and GP Professional Support Network (GPPSN).

For your area

We help to negotiate at local and pan-London levels to seek agreements that help practices and primary care management organisations work together to improve patient care.

LMCs are led by their members - typically local elected GPs. Most meet bi-monthly but a significant amount of work takes place outside formal meetings, supported by local GPs and staff from Londonwide LMCs.

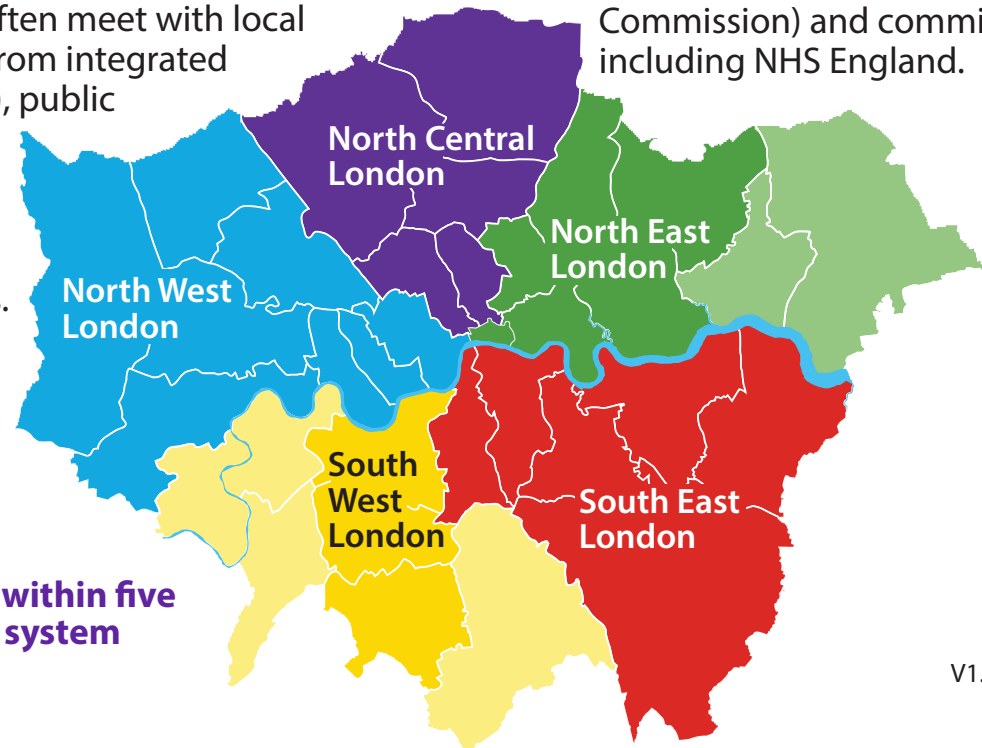
LMC members often meet with local commissioners from integrated care boards (ICB), public health leads at local authorities, local councillors, MPs and other key stakeholders.

Our LMCs work within five integrated care system (ICS) areas

Londonwide

We ensure that London GPs and their practices have access to the information and support they need to provide the best possible service to their patients.

Londonwide LMCs is a key delivery partner influencing the Capital's health and social care landscape, we provide stakeholder and advocacy support – raising contractual and strategic issues on behalf of LMCs and GPs with the Mayor and London Assembly, Parliament, bodies such as the CQC (Care Quality Commission) and commissioners including NHS England.



Role of Local Medical Committees

- Democratically elected, representing all GPs at all levels.
- Not trade union (this is the role of the BMA and other unions).
- Recognised by commissioners since the 1911 National Health Insurance Act acknowledged independent contractor GPs.
- Recognised by the newly created NHS in 1948 as the independent professional body representing GPs.
- Open, transparent, fair and offering equal opportunities, accountable to only the GPs they represent. Free to speak up on behalf of GPs, practices, and patients when others cannot.
- Consulting with NHS bodies, ICBs, local councils and police on issues that relate to general practice.
- Working for and supporting individual GPs and practices and be the professional voice of general practice at a local level.
- Supporting GPs via knowledge of contracts, systems, stakeholders at all levels, including borough, ICB, region and national.
- Informing and engaging with workforce development, planning, education and training for all roles within general practice.
- Supporting and representing all GPs at all levels including partners, employed and locum

Londonwide LMCs' support

- Contracts advice: PMS, GMS and APMS, including with performance management measures.
- Updates and guidance on new regulations and contract requirements.
- LMC GP support services, including expert, confidential and bespoke advice and support to individual doctors and practices in difficulty.
- Assistance with regulatory issues, including CQC and General Medical Council (GMC).
- Job listings, careers advice, latest news and guidance via lmc.org.uk and regular email newsletters.

Participating in your LMC

- Elections take place every three years, the next are in summer 2025.
- Any NHS GP working in the area may stand for election.
- Members are reimbursed for time spent on certain LMC activities.
- Trainee GPs, nurses, practice managers and other roles play an active part in representing their peers.

Information

- Website
lmc.org.uk
- 2025 LMC elections
lmc.org.uk/elections
- Training opportunities
lmc.org.uk/events-and-training
- Londonwide Buying Group
lmc.org.uk/buying-group
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