

Via email to:

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Dear Chief Executive Officers and Medical Directors

I am writing to you in my capacity as Local Medical Committee Chair for Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven (BAWC) to request your support for GPs Collective Action.

As you will be aware NHSE have imposed a new contract on general practice for the third year running and the England General Practitioners Committee are in dispute with NHSE regarding funding for GPs. The GP core contract uplift this year has put us, in relative terms, below our funding levels in 2018/19. This is against a backdrop of significant pay rises for our consultant and resident doctor colleagues this year.

GPCE have announced Collective Action and this is why I am writing today, to request your support in the same way that we supported consultants and resident doctors in their recent pay disputes.

In BAWC, GP practices receive funding for primary care generated phlebotomy in over 12 year olds, we do not receive funding for secondary care generated phlebotomy. The LMC have tried to secure funding over a number of years for practices to provide a phlebotomy service for secondary care but have been unsuccessful. As the number of requests has increased over the years many practices are now in a position where they can no longer provide this unfunded service.

The practices listed below are formally informing you that they will stop performing secondary care phlebotomy, the remaining practices in Bradford Districts and Craven are moving in that direction too. Please could you ask all you clinicians including consultants, resident doctors, clinical nurse specialists and advanced practitioners that they will need to make alternative arrangements for the patient, with immediate effect, should they require a blood test. Please could this information also be cascaded to all secretaries, any relevant support staff and A&E staff. There will inevitably be some patients who are already having their bloods taken by practices and these patients and their consultants will be informed by the practices that alternative arrangements will need to be made. Patients who are on medication under a shared care agreement will continue to have their bloods monitored by their GP practice.

- Baildon Medical Practice
- Bilton Medical Centre
- Bingley Medical Practice

- Bowling Highfield Medical Practice
- Bradford Student Health Service
- Clarendon Medical Centre
- DR GILKAR AND PARTNERS @ LITTLE HORTON LANE MEDICAL CENTRE
- Dr Gilkar @ Kensington Street Surgery
- Dr I M Raja & Partner at Little Horton Lane Medical Centre
- Dyneley House Surgery
- Frizinghall Medical Centre
- Grange Medical Centre
- Haigh Hall Medical Practice
- Hollyns Health and Wellbeing
- Horton Park Medical Practice
- Ilkley and Wharfedale Medical Practice
- Leylands Medical Practice
- Ling House Medical Centre
- Low Moor Medical Centre
- Moorside Surgery
- New Otley Road Medical Practice and The Family Practice
- Oak Glen Surgery
- Park Grange Medical Centre
- Picton Medical Centre
- Rockwell and Wrose Practice
- Rooley Lane Medical Centre
- Shipley Medical Practice
- Springfield Surgery
- Sunnybank Medical Practice
- The Bradford Moor Practice
- The Ridge Medical Practice
- The Saltaire & Windhill Medical Partnership
- The Willows Medical Practice
- Thornbury Medical Centre
- Valley View Surgery
- Wilsden Medical Practice

This action is in line with the Local Primary Secondary Interface Agreement which has been agreed between YORLMC and the local trusts, which states 'if a blood test is required in secondary care then please arrange this through outpatients'.

I do hope that you and your colleagues can support us in our Collective Action.

Many thanks and best wishes,



Dr Steve Patterson
Chair for Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven LMC, YORLMC Ltd