

Dear Colleagues

The BMA has urged practices to take part in a further collective action from 1 July 2026. The government has still not agreed to the essential mitigations needed to support safe and sustainable working and enter negotiations on a substantive new contract for general practice. This new action will run alongside the ongoing actions: practices ceasing to sign up to any new voluntary data sharing agreements; and switching off non-contractual medicines optimisation software as well as amending acute prescribing choices.

From 1 July 2026, practices are asked to:

1. Decline any new Shared Care Arrangements **that are not supported by a locally commissioned formal agreement**, adequate resourcing and clear clinical responsibilities*
2. Review existing Shared Care Arrangements to ensure they remain safe, appropriately commissioned, and are supported by up-to-date protocols.

How practices can participate

1. Reject new requests for Shared Care Arrangements if inappropriately resourced
2. Ensure a formal agreement is in place before agreeing to prescribe and monitor
3. Ensure provider responsibilities are clear: GP handles prescribing and routine monitoring; specialist retains diagnosis and complex management
4. Maintain communication with secondary care provider(s) and escalate concerns to ICB promptly.
5. Follow prescribing governance and safety requirements.

In HNY, Humberside LMC and YORLMC negotiated a funded Shared Care

Framework (SCF) LES. Those practices who signed up to this LES are expected to undertake the work as part of the Service Level Agreement. Should any practices have any queries regarding the LES and how this aligns with the BMA Collective Action, please contact the LMC.

Taking part in this action is lawful. Shared care arrangements are voluntary. Practices must only enter into them when they can provide care safely, with adequate resources, and have written agreements in place that clearly set out responsibilities for everyone involved. Without these safeguards, practices will likely struggle to deliver shared care safely while continuing to meet the wider needs of their registered patients. See the LMC's [Shared Care guidance](#) on our website for more information on key points about shared care.

More information on this new GP collective action, and ongoing actions, can be found on the BMA's [How to take part in GP collective action in England](#). You can find resources, guidance and templates on the LMC's [Collective Action](#) page.

If you have any queries about collective action please contact the LMC via email humberside.lmcgroup@nhs.net.

Regards,

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