

LEEDS GP CONFEDERATION

January 2025 Newsletter
General Confed Update



Introduction

In 2024, Leeds GP Confederation (the Confed) focused on being responsive to our populations needs and fulfilling all our obligations. This was achieved by our great colleagues, working as part of the health and care system, who collectively navigated our way through multiple challenges.

We have collaborated with partners to establish new long-term services. As well as rapidly responding to patient need and system pressures for bespoke clinical services. All of which make us a valued member of the Leeds Health and Care Partnership that collectively shapes the future of care in the city.

At our core are our colleagues. Those people who work for the Confed be that giving direct clinical care, supporting people at challenging times, or working tirelessly behind the scenes or operationally, making what we do work so well. This is why we have such an emphasis on supporting our colleagues, ensuring the Confed is a great place to work and enabling all our people to be the best they can. Our focus on behaviours and values exemplifies this. As does our growing portfolio of training provision.

2025 will continue in a similar vein. We will be part of a health and care system that will respond to the NHS Plan. We will endeavour to support practices and Primary Care Networks (PCNs). I am determined to continue to invest and nurture everyone that works for the Confed. For without our brilliant people, we wouldn't be the unique organisation that we are, and that makes me proud to lead day in day out.



Jim Barwick
CEO

Adult Ambulatory Respiratory Clinic (AARC25)

This month we responded to increasing respiratory demand in Leeds, particularly Influenza, working with West Yorkshire ICB, Yorkshire Ambulance Service and Local Care Direct to mobilise AARC25.



This short term service was implemented from 2nd to 19th January to reduce increasing pressures on Emergency Services and Departments.

Thanks to our existing relationships with partners across the local health economy we were able to mobilise AARC25 within 5 hours of the request from the ICB.

For these three weeks we provided on the day acute assessment for patients (aged 16 and over) that presented with acute respiratory illness.

Confed Case Studies

At the Confed we know the importance of sharing learning, which is why we have created a new suite of [Confed case studies](#).

Read case studies from across our services, including:

Child Immunisation Pilot

NHS Health Checks in Enhanced Access

Screening Engagement with South Asian Women

Basic Clinical Skills for Health Care Assistants





Join us for our upcoming Confed Connects session: Improving Cancer Diagnosis in General Practice on 13th February 2025, 1pm.
[More information about the session and how to join here!](#)

2025 Training Offer

In 2024 we delivered a range of courses, tailored specifically to your feedback on Leeds general practice's training needs. Such as delivering practice specific care navigation training to non-clinical teams, and training health care assistants on basic clinical skills so that they can competently complete patient care tasks in practice without direct supervision.

Going into 2025 we're making sure that our training continues to focus on your feedback, improving general practice and the people within it.

We'll be releasing new courses throughout the year.
[Book via our website for:](#)

[Long Term Conditions Refreshers](#)

Use your CPD funding

[Long Term Conditions for New Nurses](#)

Use your CPD funding

[Basic Life Support](#)

[Integrated Phlebotomy](#)

Leeds Primary Care Race Equity Network

We have been working with the Leeds Primary Care Race Equity Network to launch their new [webpage](#). Here you can find information about the network, useful resources, webinar and training offers, and upcoming cultural events. The network is part of local efforts to put general practice at the centre of making a sustainable contribution to tackle inequalities that affect staff and patients.



All primary care colleagues in Leeds are welcome, and encouraged, to join the network. To express your interest in joining please visit the [webpage here](#).

Post Exposure Prophylaxis MMR Clinic



There are increasing numbers of patients testing positive for measles in Leeds.

As part of a city wide response we have been working with West Yorkshire ICB and Public Health to mobilise a short-term MMR Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) clinic for patients that are unvaccinated, but have come into contact with a positive case.

This community-based service will operate until 8th March 2025, ensuring patients can access timely vaccination within the recommended 72-hour post exposure window.



Location

Bellbrooke Surgery, LS9 6AU



Opening Hours

Monday (6pm - 8pm)
 Wednesday (6pm - 8pm)
 Saturday (10am - 12pm)

General Practice Booking Information

The clinic is open to booking from Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), and now general practice.

If you are contacted by UKHSA and asked to provide PEP to an unvaccinated patient that has been exposed to measles you can book patients directly into these appointments via the Confed Enhanced Access platform and under the site labelled 'MMR PEP'.

Alternatively, they can be booked in by calling 0113 8873899.

For non-booking queries please contact leeds.confed@nhs.net

