



CLEVELAND LMC

Cleveland Local Medical Committee

Cleveland LMC Bulletin Tuesday 29TH April 2025

Meet your Cleveland LMC team



Dr Girish Chawla - CEO and Secretary

I have been a GP in Teesside for last fifteen years and a member of LMC for almost all the time.

I have been an LMC Executive member for last seven years. I work as a GP Partner and trainer at Dovecot Surgery in Stockton.

Along with this, I have experience of collaborative working due my work experience related to working with CCG and our local Primary care network. I additionally work as a GP Appraiser and as a regional elected BMA Representative on General Practitioners Committee.

These roles have given me a good insight into range of issues affecting General Practice on day to day basis.

Dr Debs White - Chair of LMC

I trained as a GP on Teesside, and have been a partner in Middlesbrough, though have mainly worked as locum all around Tees for about a decade.

I've been a LMC member for most of the last eighteen years, and have also been North East Sessional GPs Secretary.

I was deputy chair of the UK Junior Doctors Committee Negotiators during training, and have done various other bits with the BMA nationally since I was a student. I also bring great home baking to any team!



Alex Hill – Vice Chair



I have been a GP across Teesside for the past 16 years, working in a variety of settings across North and South Tees. Over this time, I have enjoyed a diverse career, including medical student teaching with Newcastle University, providing primary care in prison and offender services, and early involvement as a specialist advisor for the newly established Care Quality Commission. I have also undertaken Tribunal work, deepening my understanding of the impact of ill health and long-term conditions on individuals' ability to work — an issue particularly relevant to our communities across Teesside.

My portfolio career has built a broad and adaptable skill set. I joined Cleveland LMC as a Member in 2024, passionate about advocating for patients, supporting colleagues, and helping to address gaps in local referral pathways. I value the diversity and resilience of general practice across our region and look forward to working alongside practices to navigate the evolving landscape of primary care.

Jackie Jameson - Business Manager

I joined the LMC back in 2014, after working for over 17 years within finance and pensions. I have the responsibility of managing the office and LMC resources so that the provision of support meets individual and practice needs.

I also work closely with external colleagues on current and ongoing primary care issues, supporting the needs and views of General Practice.



Michelle Martin - Practice Quality & CQC Facilitator

I trained and worked as a Registered Nurse in Teesside, Hull and Southampton for twenty years.

I then worked in health and safety, risk management, governance, quality improvement and contract management roles for an acute Trust and PCTs on Teesside. Between January 2012 and July 2021 I worked as an Inspector for the Care Quality Commission.

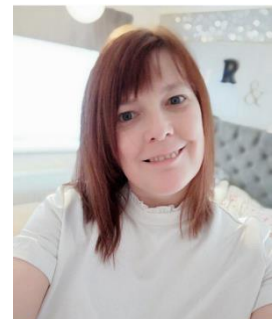
I joined Cleveland LMC in October 2021 as the Practice Quality and CQC Facilitator and have been providing advice and resources to practices. This includes supporting practices in preparing for CQC assessments and inspections to enable them to comply with the legislation and supporting regulations.



Carrie Behan - Administration and Communication Assistant

I have worked within the administration sector for over thirty years working within the Education and Shipping sector.

I joined Cleveland LMC May 2024 where my current role is the CLMC Administration and Communication Assistant supporting both the business manager and executive team and in the day to day running of the office and maintenance of the CLMC website.



CLMC Events 2025

Action Learning Set

Wednesday 7th May 2025

12.30 pm – 3:00 pm

Tees Barrage International White Water Centre

Group 1

Practice Managers from Group 1 will meet for an afternoon of Action Learning Sets.

Practice Managers Association

Tuesday 24th June 2025

Hope & Stay Suite, Middlesbrough FC

Practice Managers please save the date
More details to follow

Doctors in Training Conference 2025

Wednesday 23rd July 2025 – 12.00 pm – 5.00pm

The Middlehaven - Middlesbrough FC

For further information and registration please
scan the QR code

What the 'L' is the LMC...?"

Join us at 12.30pm for lunch/registration followed by an afternoon of networking, informative sessions, and gain valuable insights into Cleveland Local Medical Committee. See you there



Sessional GP Development Day 2025

Thursday 25/09/2025

The Middlehaven - Middlesbrough FC

please save the date
More details to follow

GP Partner Events 2025

Online seminars to include.

- Finance including Pensions.
- New to Business
- Contracts
- Comms and Negotiations

More details to follow