

### LMCs in England

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## General practice and integration

I am very pleased to announce that we have published a discussion document today *General practice and integration: Becoming architects of new care models in England*.

This document is a distillation of thinking by the BMA's GPC on how GPs can proactively approach the development of new models of care as espoused in the [Five Year Forward View \(5YFV\)](#).

The 5YFV needs both professional leadership and genuine 'grass roots' buy-in to be translated into reality. It goes without saying that LMCs have a pivotal role in helping shape these ideas by, for example:

- leading, supporting and representing GPs and practices as changes take shape;
- monitoring the development of contracting for primary care services under increased local negotiation; and
- structuring GP interaction with new provider groups

Our document is not a 'policy' paper, but a set of ideas and organisational models to stimulate discussion and debate. GPC members have begun to discuss these changes and will continue to do so over the coming months. We know LMCs are also debating these issues and shaping local health care provision and we warmly invite your feedback and comments through the usual channels.

A substantial part of this paper covers the potential role of GP networks. Many LMCs have already played a critical part in developing these organisations. The GPC has produced [guidance on network development](#), and will continue to add to this. The BMA and GPDF are also launching practical support for networks, which you will soon hear about in more detail.

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With best wishes

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