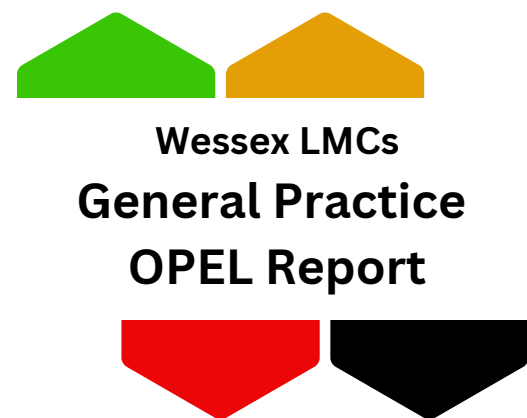




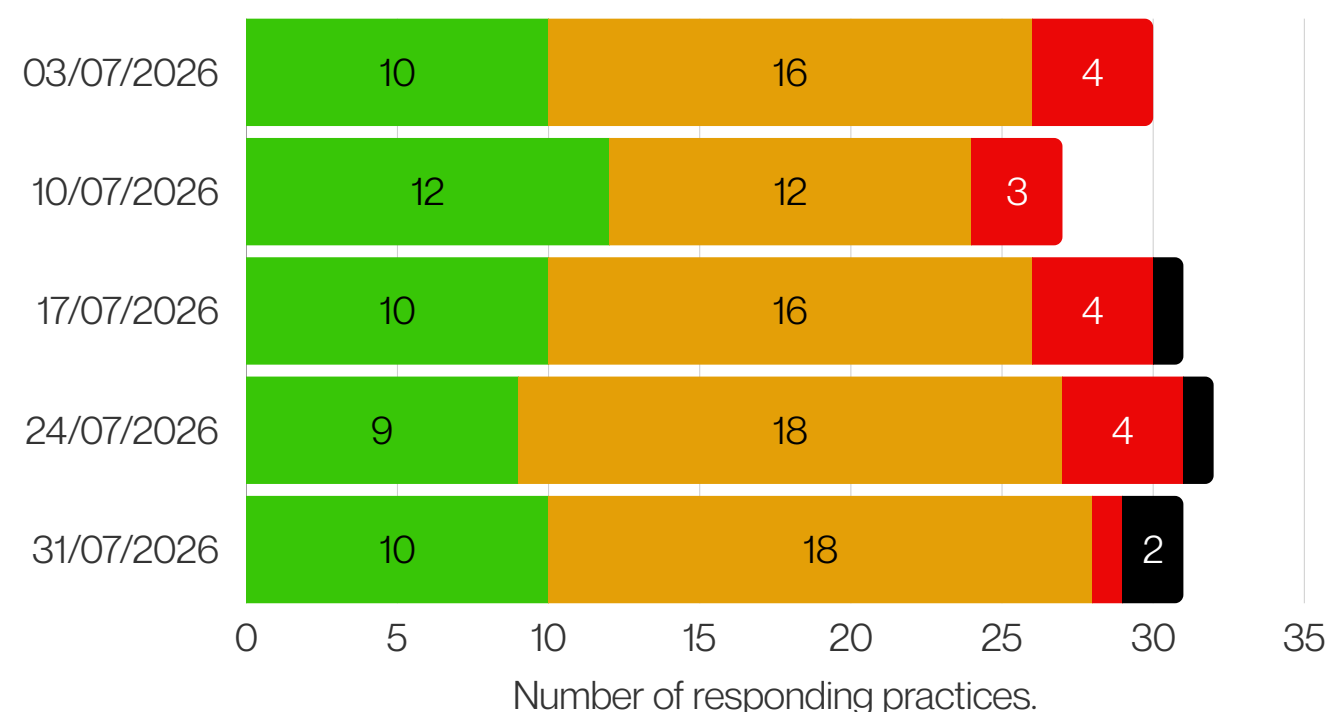
DORSET General Practice

OPEL SUMMARY - JULY 2026



Weekly Returns and OPEL Declarations Count

- OPEL 1 (Fully sustainable)
- OPEL 2 (Under pressure)
- OPEL 3 (Impact on services)
- OPEL 4 (Services disrupted)

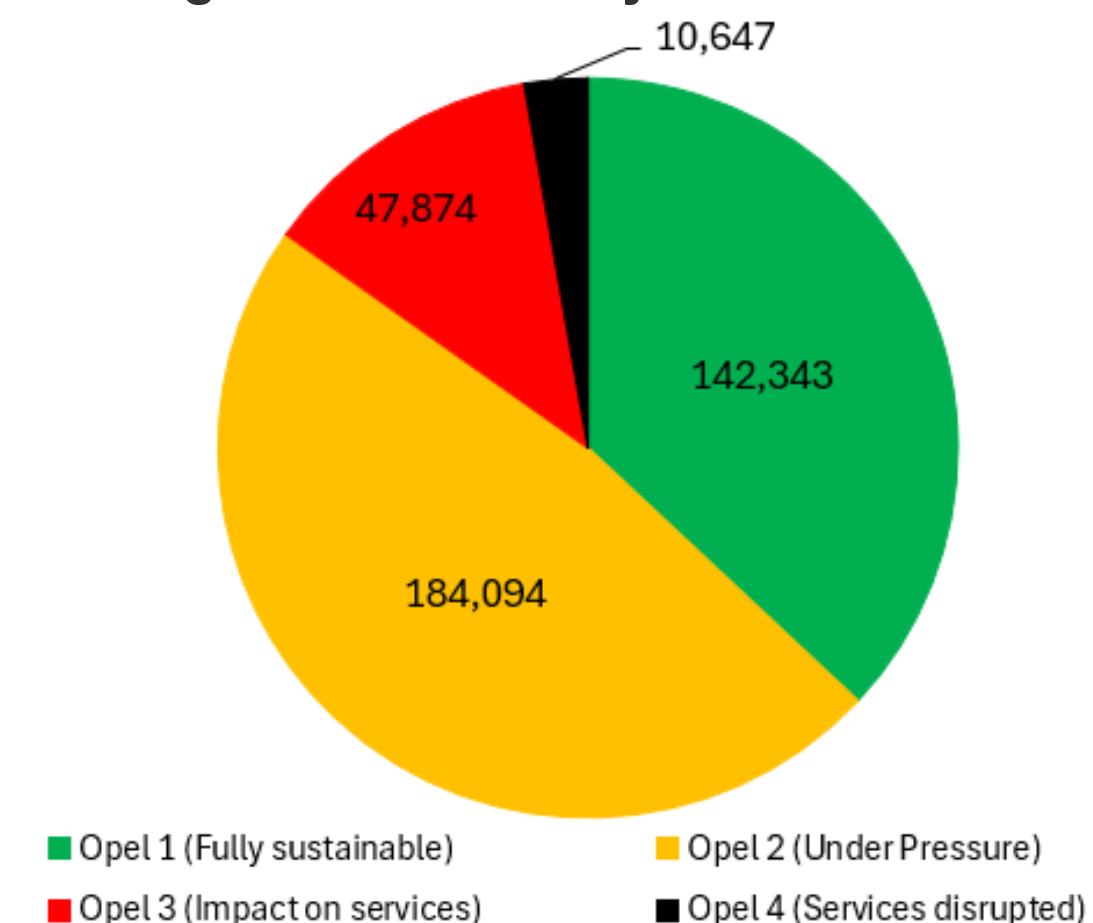


OPEL Rating for July 2026



Practices are experiencing major pressures compromising patient flow

Average Patient Count by OPEL Declaration



Stakeholder Summary: Dorset Primary Care Pressures

Demand remained persistently high throughout July, with routine appointment waits commonly reaching 4–8 weeks and online consultations adding pressure. Annual leave, sickness and recruitment difficulties reduced clinical and administrative capacity, affecting staff wellbeing and patient satisfaction. Some practices maintained safe wait times through locums, overtime and new staff, but pressures remained widespread.

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