Wessex LMCs
General Practice
OPEL Report

General Practice OPEL Report
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Week Ending Friday 9th October 2026

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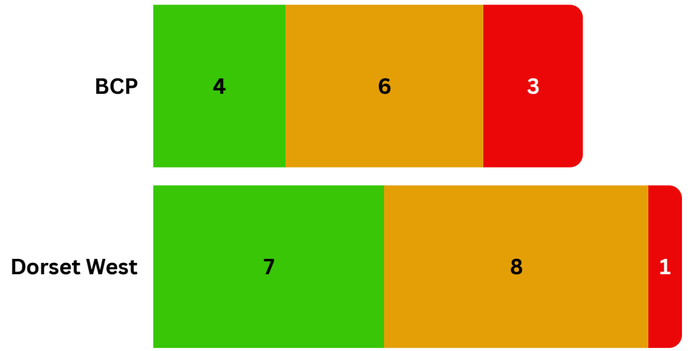
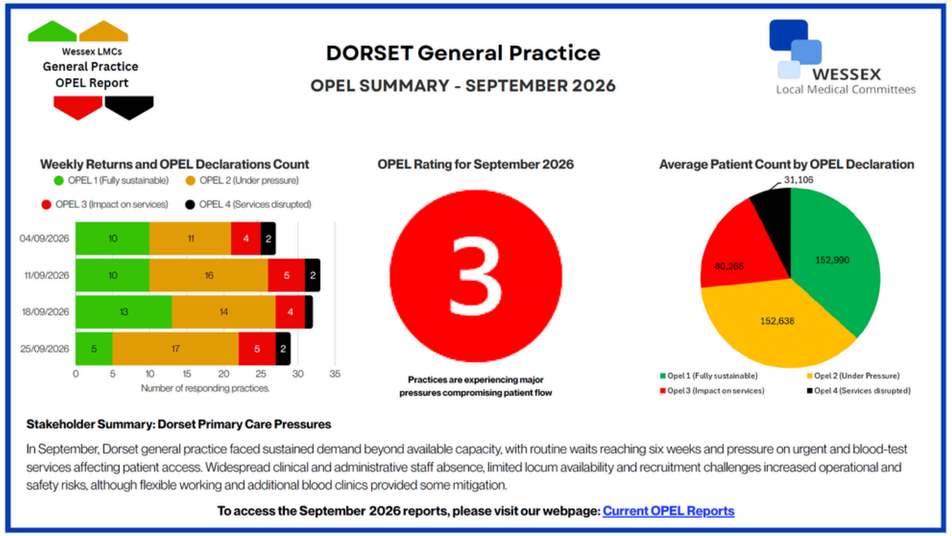
Local Medical Committees

Count of practices declaring their OPEL status.



OPEL 1 Practices are able to maintain patient flow & meet anticipated demand within available resources
OPEL 2 Practices are starting to show signs of pressure
OPEL 3 Practices are experiencing major pressures compromising patient flow
OPEL 4 Practices are experiencing escalating levels of pressure. There is increased potential for patient care & compromised safety.



For more information about workforce, workload and funding, please visit our page: Local and National General Practice Data

PRACTICE COMMENTS

GP sickness, awaiting new clinical staff to start next month, lots of sickness over the last 2 weeks, putting lots of pressure on teams. Morale low.

3 week wait for routine appointments and with unlimited online requests patient demand is getting impossible to meet.

Due to recent staff recruitment we are able to maintain good access and have resources to cover sickness/leave.

Clinician sickness & holidays have caused a slight delay in appointments

Routine appointments are becoming a problem - 6 + weeks.

GP wait times within target. Lead nurse wait times slightly elevated due to annual leave with bank staff approached to cover. Extra bloods sessions still required to meet patient demand.

Thank you for your feedback, which consistently highlights the significant pressures you encounter daily. While some of your comments were not included in this week's report, we have instead used them as valuable examples to initiate direct discussions with your ICB. Please be assured that your organisation name have not been mentioned in our conversations.