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General Practice
OPEL Report

DORSET General Practice

OPEL SUMMARY - SEPTEMBER 2026

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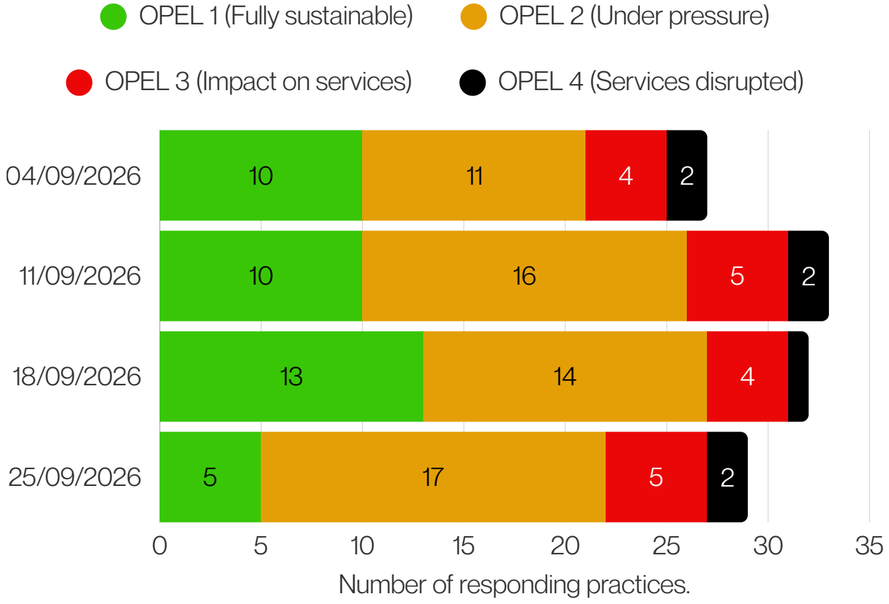
Local Medical Committees

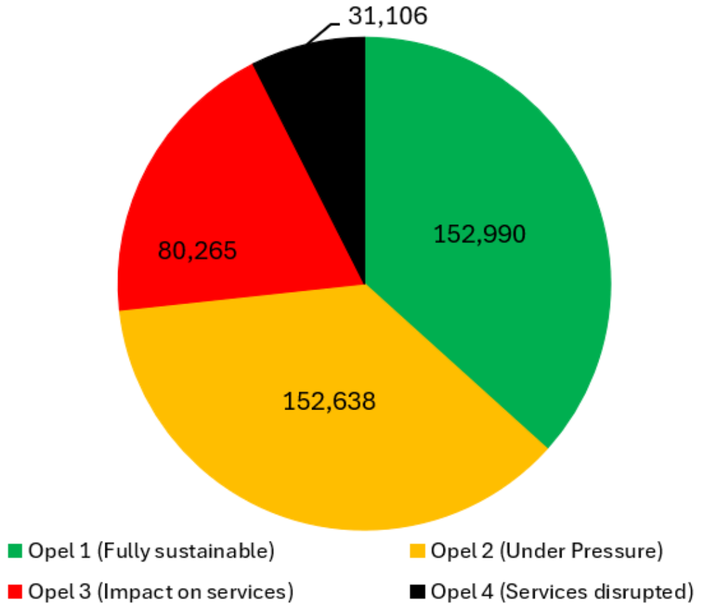
Weekly Returns and OPEL Declarations Count



OPEL Rating for September 2026

Practices are experiencing major pressures compromising patient flow

Average Patient Count by OPEL Declaration



Stakeholder Summary: Dorset Primary Care Pressures

In September, Dorset general practice faced sustained demand beyond available capacity, with routine waits reaching six weeks and pressure on urgent and blood-test services affecting patient access. Widespread clinical and administrative staff absence, limited locum availability and recruitment challenges increased operational and safety risks, although flexible working and additional blood clinics provided some mitigation.

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