



Leylands Medical Centre Monthly Roundup: December 2025

Your Monthly Catch-Up on What's Happening in Primary Care.

New and updated guidance

NG253: suspected sepsis in people aged 16+ - replaces NG51 and clarifies recognition and early management across settings; review triage/safety-netting and escalation protocols in GP. 📍

Source: Suspected sepsis in people aged 16 or over: recognition, assessment and early management¹

¹<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng253>

NG254: suspected sepsis in under-16s - updated recognition/early management; ensure red-flag prompts and same-day referral pathways align. 🧑

Source: Suspected sepsis in under 16s: recognition, diagnosis and early management²

NG255: suspected sepsis in pregnant or recently pregnant people - new guideline; include postnatal sepsis red flags in 6-week checks/triage scripts. 🧑

Source: Suspected sepsis in pregnant or recently pregnant people: recognition, diagnosis and early management³

The Leylands view:

Be aware of the 'THINK SEPSIS' button when recording observations in the Vitals & Lifestyle template - Mo Al S had a case last Friday where a moderate risk of sepsis was determined and admission arranged.

The template will be updated soon to reflect the latest guidance

Immunisation & vaccines

Uncertain or imperfect immunisations? Here's what to do: updated UKHSA flow-chart

Source: Vaccination of individuals with uncertain or incomplete immunisation - GOV.UK⁴

Introduction of MMRV (MMR + Varicella) into the childhood schedule - from 1 January 2026, babies born on/after 1 January 2025 receive MMRV at 12 and 18 months; there is a defined catch-up for children born July–Dec 2024 and a wider preschool catch-up 2026–2028. No need to verify previous chickenpox infection if parents respond to the MMRV offer.



Source: Vaccine update: issue 365, November 2025⁵

²<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng254>

³<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng255>

⁴[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccination-of-individuals-with-uncertain-or-incomplete-immunisation-](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccination-of-individuals-with-uncertain-or-incomplete-immunisation-status#:~:text=The%20algorithm%20for%20use%20from,2025%20and%201%20January%202026)

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⁵<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccine-update-issue-365-november-2025/vaccine-update-issue-365-november-2025>

The Leylands view:

 *Varicella immunisation in the childhood schedule is long overdue and brings the UK in line with many other countries.*

 *Flu vaccination - please remember to vaccinate opportunistically when you can*

 *Work continues on childhood vaccine uptake - recruitment is underway to the LTC admin team to help co-ordinate this, and also via the PCN working with the VCS.*

 *A recent review by Tom showed that the majority of children that were overdue childhood immunisations **had recently been seen by a doctor or nurse** - please have this discussion with new parents at every opportunity*

Safety alerts & BNF changes

National Patient Safety Alert: penicillin vs penicillamine allergy recording - alert following incidents where “penicillin allergy” was incorrectly recorded as “penicillamine allergy” in electronic systems, risking potentially fatal penicillin exposure; organisations must form a multidisciplinary group, identify and review affected patients, correct allergy entries, strengthen training and work with IT suppliers on safeguards (actions due within 12 months).



Source: National patient safety alert – harm from incorrect recording of penicillin allergy as penicillamine allergy⁶

Tamoxifen: update to product information on QT prolongation and monitoring recommendations for high-risk patients - New warning that tamoxifen can prolong QT interval on ECG; for patients with QT-risk factors (cardiac disease, electrolyte disturbance, other QT-prolonging drugs) monitor ECG and electrolytes before and during treatment

Source: MHRA Safety Roundup: November 2025 - GOV.UK⁷

The Leylands view:

⁶<https://www.england.nhs.uk/2025/11/harm-from-incorrect-recording-of-penicillin-allergy-as-penicillamine-allergy/>

⁷<https://www.gov.uk/drug-device-alerts/mhra-safety-roundup-november-2025>

We had 7 patients with penicillamine allergy recorded....all incorrectly  but none by Leylands 

The following has been added to the record: Where clear evidence indicated that a penicillamine allergy had been entered in error, the entry has been removed. Where uncertainty remained, the existing penicillamine entry has been retained, provided that the penicillin allergy status has been verified and recorded accurately.

Tamoxifen audit has been completed and one patient is awaiting an ECG

Digital & political developments

Online access during core hours: from 1 Oct 2025, GP practices must keep online consultation systems open from 8:00–18:30; phone and walk-in options remain.

NHS England » Online consultations – frequently asked questions and support resources⁸

The Leylands view:

Tom, Steph and Kez continue to work on the NHSE programme to move towards a triage first model by Q1 2026. Updates will be provided as the work progresses.

GP Connect & patient charter: practices must enable read-only access for other providers and allow pharmacies to send consultation summaries; a patient charter will set expectations.

NHS England » Changes to the GP Contract in 2025/26⁹

The Leylands view:

There is now a SOP in place for pharmacists sending us BP readings, so less of these should be appearing on the duty list. Please highlight any issues as they arise.

⁸<https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/online-consultations-frequently-asked-questions/#:~:text=What%e2%80%99s%20the%20requirement%3F>

⁹<https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/changes-to-the-gp-contract-in-2025-26/#:~:text=This will be a key,see below>

If you want to chat further about any of the topics above and how they might affect impact Leylands, feel free to bring up at PLT, or approach one of the Partners or Tom
