

## West Pennine Local Medical Committee

### April 2021 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Alan Dow, Secretary

### LMC meeting – April 13th, 2021

The committee met on the evening of April 13<sup>th</sup> via Microsoft Teams. The recent HSJ article on workforce ethnic discrimination findings at Tameside and Glossop Integrated NHS Foundation Trust was a substantive agenda item. We were delighted to welcome Roger Kline, Research Fellow at Middlesex University and expert in Workforce diversity, as our Guest Speaker. Roger summarised the findings of the recent WRES (Workforce Race Equality Standard) report and suggested ways of improving the situation at Tameside Hospital, by looking to change procedures and Board/Panel composition. Brendan Ryan, Tameside & Glossop Integrated Foundation Trust Medical Director was also in attendance, as was Dr Mirza, Consultant anaesthetist at Tameside Hospital and Dr Jaweeda Ido, BAME Regional representative for GMHSCP. A discussion followed with Brendan Ryan, expressing disappointment at the result of the survey, taking ownership of the issue and resolving to put measures in place to improve the situation at Tameside and Glossop Integrated NHS Foundation Trust. The LMC will continue to engage with the ICFT and others to help reverse this trend and ensure patient and staff safety is assured.

### LMC Vice Chair

Due to personal commitments, regrettably Dr Mohammed Wasim has had to step down from his role of Vice Chair with the West Pennine LMC. We are currently in the process of appointing a new Vice Chair.

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## **Committee Vacancies**

We have two vacancies on the committee and would welcome expressions of interest:

- **Tameside & Glossop Locality representative**  
If you feel you could be the voice of GP colleagues in the Ashton locality, please do get in touch.
- **Oldham Practice Manager Representative**  
Due to the retirement of Vivien Dawber, we have a vacancy for a Practice Manager representative from Oldham.

LMC meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month, currently via Teams, and a meeting attendance fee is offered to committee members. If you require any further information, or wish to express interest in joining the committee, please email Jane Hill, LMC Liaison Officer, at [westpenninelmc@btconnect.com](mailto:westpenninelmc@btconnect.com) by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

## **COVID 19 guidance**

T&G CCG have recently published an updated version of their guidance. Please find version 24 attached.

## **Direct reimbursement**

Dr Alan Dow, LMC Secretary, recently met with James Stafford, Lead Credit Controller at NHS Property Services, to discuss direct payments to GP practices going forward. The LMC generally support this approach and feel it would be beneficial for GP practices, removing the time involved in managing the current bureaucracy. Direct payments have the backing of DHSC and NHSE. Please find the attached summary of how payment flows will be improved going forward. Anyone wishing to implement this is advised to first discuss with one of the LMC officers and consider the extent of their existing arrangement/ contract with NHSPS/ CHS.

## **2WW referral process to T&G ICFT**

The LMC are very concerned that the 2WW referral process has yet again been changed, slowing down the referral process for GPs as they adjust to another new way of working. We have flagged our concern with the ICFT and reminded them that there should be LMC consultation prior to system changes such as this.

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**Cameron Fund** The Cameron Fund, the GP's own charity, is seeking applications for members of the council of management. If you are interested in nominating yourself, please see the attached letter for further details. The deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### **Survey**

Elaine Richardson, Strategic Lead for Ageing Well & Assurance, T&G CCG, has asked if any GPs with experience of the Advice & Guidance service could please complete the following quick survey by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021, with a view to improving the service for the benefit of all: [survey](#) If you wish to be interviewed on this subject, please use the survey to provide your details and availability or email the evaluation team at [necsu.reteam@nhs.net](mailto:necsu.reteam@nhs.net)

### **DPO Update**



Jane Hill, GP Practice Data Protection Officer

### **My Way Diabetes - update**

Further to the recent emails I sent, I have some ongoing concerns about the My Way Diabetes data sharing agreement, particularly around the proposed EMIS bulk upload. I shared my concerns with GMIGG (the GM Information Governance Group) and Jenny Spiers, GMIGG Chair and I met with the My Way Diabetes project team this week. We have advised the team to redo their DPIA (Data Protection Impact Assessment) using the GMIGG template, as this will draw out much more detail than the generic ICO template they had used. We are due to meet again in the next couple of weeks and in the meantime, I advise you not to sign the Data Sharing agreement via EMIS.

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### **Queries about Data Sharing initiatives**

If you are unsure about any proposed data sharing/ data processing initiative, please do not hesitate to contact me: [jane.hilldpo@nhs.net](mailto:jane.hilldpo@nhs.net)

### **GM Care Record**

As data controller sharing health data with the GM Care Record, you should have a link to the GMCR website in your practice privacy notice. The Link is as follows:

[The GM Care Record - Public - Health Innovation Manchester](#)

I have attached the latest GMCR update for further information about the GMCR .

### **Training event - “Talking to the public about data.”**

NHSX Innovation Collaborative are delivering a free webinar on Talking to the public about data. The webinar is set to take place on Friday 23rd April 2021, 10am – 12pm and all Health and care colleagues are invited to participate. You can book a place via the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nhsx-innovation-collaborative-talking-to-the-public-about-data-tickets-147984061311>

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