

West Pennine Local Medical Committee

Supporting and representing GPs in Oldham and Tameside & Glossop

February 2022 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Alan Dow, Secretary



Dr Andrew Vance, Vice Chair

LMC meeting – 8th February 2022

The committee met on the evening of Tuesday 8th February 2022 via Teams. We were pleased to welcome Vanessa Morris who has taken on the Oldham Practice Manager Representative role, job sharing with Andrea Morrison. We also welcome Dr Ismail Ahmed who will be taking on the role of First Five Representative for Oldham going forward. The GM Care Record was discussed, with some committee members flagging that they don't feel the Communications campaign has been far-reaching enough. Dr Alan Dow, LMC Secretary, suggested that his patients are largely unaware that their data is flowing into the GMCR Repository, and he is particularly concerned that his patients won't realise that their health data could be shared with the GM councils. He also suggested that the GMCR data isn't particularly useful for GPs, the data from secondary care providers doesn't provide any useful information such as the actual letter content. The committee went on to discuss the new QOF requirement regarding Child immunisations, which is a very tight target, without exceptions. For smaller practices it could be a challenge to achieve if a child/parent refuses vaccinations. It was acknowledged that this requirement puts smaller practices at an unfair disadvantage and the LMC agreed to flag this with the appropriate parties. Dr Alan Dow, GM GPC representative was able to flag the issue with the GPC (the GP Committee of the BMA) at their meeting this week.

Covid-19 guidance

You may have seen the re-introduction of the RCGP/BMA prioritisation guidance in December, this will be reviewed regularly and is available through the link below.

<https://www.rcgp.org.uk/covid-19/latest-covid-19-guidance-in-your-area.aspx>

T&G CCG have updated their Covid guidance, please find version 31 attached.

These documents and other updated Covid-19 guidance documents can also be found on the LMC website: www.westpenninelmc.org.uk

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Inadequate discharge summaries form Tameside Hospital

It was brought to the LMC's attention that some of the discharge summaries from Tameside Hospital are inadequate for supporting patients in their ongoing care. If you receive an inadequate discharge summary, please do flag it with the T&G ICFT via the following email address: incidents@tgh.nhs.uk

Generalist Representative election

LMC Representatives are elected for four years, and it is now time to hold an election for Generalist GP representatives. If you feel could be a voice of your profession, please do get in touch. I have attached a nomination form and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Jane, LMC Liaison Officer at westpennine.lmc@nhs.net

Tameside & Glossop First Five GP representative vacancy

We are very pleased that Dr Ismail Ahmed who is currently working at the Greenbank Medical Practice has agreed to join the committee as the First Five representative for Oldham. We still have a vacancy for a First Five representative for the Tameside & Glossop locality. If you are interested in being the voice for GP colleagues in the first five years of their career, please do get in touch: westpennine.lmc@nhs.net

Referrals to Tameside & Glossop ICFT community services

Thank you to those of you who completed the quick-fire survey on the community referrals process in T&G. 33% of respondents felt the referrals system needs improvement and 27% of respondents consider the system as "terrible" and indicated that the LMC should keep this as a priority for change. We will continue flagging this with the relevant parties at the T&G ICFT team, urging them to make the referrals process more user-friendly for GPs and practice staff.

Two more quick-fire survey questions:

We have two more very quick, one question surveys, relating to the GM Care Record and to OptimiseRx. They should take you approximately 30 seconds to answer and your responses are much appreciated as they will help inform how the LMC approaches issues on your behalf:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DJYPH9W>

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/D23MB25>

Thank you.

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DPO Update



Jane Hill, GP Practice Data Protection Officer

“COPI NOTICE “ extended to June 30th, 2022

On 9th February 2022, it was announced that the COPI Notice (Notice under Regulation 3(4) of the NHS Control of Patient Information Regulations 2002) has now been further extended until June 30th, 2022. The COPI Notice provides a temporary legal basis and mandates the sharing and processing of patient data with a Covid-19 purpose. For the purpose of editing your privacy notice, I will send you a copy of the renewed Notice when that becomes available.

NHS Digital DARS – (Data Access Request Service) - NIC-388913-L5D5B-v2.6)

As you will be aware, to support the response to the Covid-19 pandemic, NHS Digital has been directed to collect and analyse healthcare data, by collecting patient data from the GP record for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency period. The “COPI Notice” is the legal basis for this work. For your records, I have attached a copy of the updated Data Sharing Agreement, which now also includes the Vaccination and ethnicity data.

Medical Examiners

From April 2022 Medical Examiners will be scrutinising all non-coronial deaths and it will be a statutory requirement for GP data controllers to allow the Medical Examiner team to access the patient records. Although the deceased don't come into the scope of the Data Protection legislation, we felt it was appropriate to conduct a DPIA (Data Protection Impact Assessment) as the Medical Examiners will be given full access to the clinical system and will require Next of Kin data. DPIAs/ Data sharing agreements will be shared with GP Data controllers via the Information Sharing Gateway in due course. In the meantime, I have attached some slides, which you may find useful.

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NHS England Accelerating patient access to health records via NHS App

This programme, which will enable patients over the age of 13 to access the prospective data in their health record via the NHS app is due to be implemented from April 2022.

NHS E shared an update last week, a summary of which I have attached for your information. I was pleased to read that, further to pressure from IG professionals, they now intend to conduct a full DPIA (Data Protection Impact Assessment).

Safeguarding Leads from across Greater Manchester have written to the implementation team outlining their very significant concerns from a safeguarding perspective. The response from NHS E said they would welcome collaborative working with the safeguarding leads, but also made it very clear that the implementation date will still be April 1st, 2022, for EMIS and TPP users.

I have reattached the concise guidance document I have compiled, which lists the risks and contains instructions on redacting specific data items, as a way of mitigating these risks. It also contains instructions on how to set up prospective access on the clinical system. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at jane.hilldpo@nhs.net or mobile 07951 530 417

If you haven't already done so, you may wish to attend one of the forthcoming webinars hosted by NHS Digital, dates and further information can be found here: [book onto the session](#)

GM Care Record

Data sharing agreements relating to the GP Practice data flowing into the GM Care Record are detailed below. For your reference, I have attached a list of the current GMCR users and as previously requested, it would be appreciated if you could ensure your privacy notice is updated with the following link: <https://healthinnovationmanchester.com/the-gm-care-record-privacy/>

Information Sharing Gateway/ GDPR Article 30 requirement

Article 30 of the GDPR dictates that all Data Controllers should have an up-to-date "ROPA" (Register of Processing Activities). The Information Sharing Gateway is a good reference library for tracking data flows in and out of your practice.

Action For practices in Oldham and Tameside & Glossop

Assurance on the ISG has expired for a number of practices. In some cases, it is just a case of updating your ICO registration details. Please will you log in to the Gateway and ensure your practice is up to date?

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For practices in Oldham:

Some practices in Oldham still need to please sign off/ give data controller approval of the following agreements, which have been recently uploaded onto the Information Sharing Gateway:

- GM Care Record Direct Care
- GMCR cloud migration
- GM Care Record Business Intelligence

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For practices in T&G:

The following DPIAs/ Data sharing agreements are now on the ISG and require data controller sign off:

- STOMP- stopping over medication of people with a learning disability, autism, or both with psychotropic medicines. This will involve Clinical Pharmacists from the Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust accessing patient records.
- Cievert – Covid vaccination appointment booking system for all practice in Tameside & Glossop and flu vaccination booking for Hyde & Stalybridge PCN practices
- My Way Diabetes – a platform to enable improved self-care by diabetic patients
- GM Care Record Direct Care
- GMCR cloud migration
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If you require any further information about the above, or any other Data Protection issues, please do not hesitate to contact me at jane.hilldpo@nhs.net or westpennine.lmc@nhs.net or mobile 07951 530 417