

## West Pennine Local Medical Committee

Supporting and representing GPs in Oldham and Tameside & Glossop

### June 2022 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Alan Dow, Secretary



Dr Andrew Vance, Vice Chair

### LMC meeting – June 14<sup>th</sup> 2022

The committee met on the evening of Tuesday 14th June via Teams. Helen Dyke, Practice Nurse at Quayside Medical Centre in Failsworth, was welcomed to the LMC; she is set to join the committee as the Practice Nurse representative. Changes to the LMC constitution reflecting the changes brought about by ICBs being established from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2022, were agreed by the committee. Dr Adil Khan, Trainee GP representative from Tameside & Glossop shared an update and proposed a support system, by the LMC, for newly trained GPs to take up partnership roles; currently a considerable number of trainees are considering locuming, but a proportion would consider partnership roles. Practice Manager representative Andrea Morrison shared that since the last meeting, when issues with the GP practice phone system in Oldham were flagged, there has been a meeting with Sam Samuels from Unity Partnership and these issues are being addressed.

Dee Radcliffe, Business Manager at the Arlington British Medical Academy, joined the meeting to share details of the work the Academy have been doing, enabling trained doctors from overseas to come and work for the NHS in the UK. The doctors, some of whom have fled from war-torn countries such as The Ukraine, are supported to complete their PLAB exams in order to secure GMC registration. Dee Radcliffe explained that the doctors also need clinical observership placements to enable them to work for the NHS. If you feel you could offer such a placement at your practice, please do contact Dee Radcliffe at [dee.radcliffe@abmacademy.co.uk](mailto:dee.radcliffe@abmacademy.co.uk)

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## **SAVE THE DATE! ...**

**West Pennine LMC AGM** will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Inspiration Suite, Village Hotel, Ashton-Under-Lyne, OL7 0PG.

Please watch this space for further details! We would love you to join us to celebrate the outstanding work of GPs and their teams in the West Pennine area.

## **COVID guidance**

Tameside & Glossop CCG have updated their guidance document. We have attached version 35, which can also be found on our website [www.westpenninelmc.org.uk](http://www.westpenninelmc.org.uk)

The RCGP have also recently published updated guidance, which can be found here: <https://www.rcgp.org.uk/covid-19/latest-covid-19-guidance-in-your-area.aspx>

## **T&G CCG - poverty strategy consultation launch**

Tameside Council is creating a new Poverty Strategy and wants your input. If you haven't already completed this survey, you can do so by opening this link before 8<sup>th</sup> July: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TamesidePovertyStrategy>

## **Monkeypox**

Whilst the risk of monkeypox infection remains low, the [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\)](#) is asking people to be alert to any new rashes or lesions on any part of their body. If you are concerned that a patient may have contracted the disease, use appropriate PPE, including mask and gloves. For confirmed cases of Monkeypox, UKHSA guidance states that FFP3 respirators should be used. Isolate the person whilst seeking advice on next steps from the local sexual health clinic for urgent advice, or your [local health protection team](#), and ensure the consultation room is cleaned appropriately afterwards based on [UKHPA advice](#). Monkeypox is now a designated [notifiable infectious disease](#) under the Health Protection (Notification) Regulations 2010; this means all doctors in England are required to notify their local council or local Health Protection Team (HPT) if they suspect a patient has monkeypox.

The GPC have raised concerns with NHS England that specific guidance for primary care has not been provided in relation to the latest outbreak of Monkeypox.

Further information is available on the [UKHSA](#) website.

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### **Coroner meeting for Oldham based GPs**

On May 26<sup>th</sup> our colleagues from Rochdale & Bury LMC hosted a meeting with Senior Coroner for Manchester North, Joanne Kearsley, who was updating GPs on changes to the death certification process. In case you were unable to attend that meeting and wish to watch the recording, please see the following link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/613okLOe5wcV2USKUg2BTTQHM\\_T5ljS-XmPGyfiigRGw6HblXCcWWiS9I7QXTZ1.xNADQyJoi8h9GpMI](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/613okLOe5wcV2USKUg2BTTQHM_T5ljS-XmPGyfiigRGw6HblXCcWWiS9I7QXTZ1.xNADQyJoi8h9GpMI)

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We have also attached the slides which were shared at the meeting.

### **Fit Notes**

From 1st July 2022, new legislation will be enacted which will allow nurses, occupational therapists, pharmacists, and physiotherapists to legally certify fit notes, in addition to doctors who are currently the only profession able to do so.

Non-statutory guidance has been developed to help individuals identify if this task is within their scope of practice, as well as a new training module which should be completed before taking up this task. These new products will be available from 1st July. There will be a rollout period from this date where GP IT systems will be updated to reflect the change.

### **Manchester University research project**

A Manchester University research team working with the Greater Manchester Clinical Research Network are leading a research project titled “**Total Change? Exploring the Use and Experience of Total Triage.**” The aim of the project is to explore (using in-person or remote interviews) the impact of the introduction and use of Total triage methods on you, your staff and patients. The research team would like to understand how you use the system and what the perceived benefits and drawbacks have been, as well as how your use and views of the system may have changed over time.

We have attached the Participant Information Sheet outlining the study, including the reimbursement (travel and contribution costs) for taking part in the study.

If you are interested in taking part in this research project, please contact:

[Nicola.Small@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Nicola.Small@manchester.ac.uk)> or [Sudeh.Cheraghi-sohi@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Sudeh.Cheraghi-sohi@manchester.ac.uk)

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## DPO Update



Jane Hill, GP Practice Data Protection Officer

### **Access to records programme – delayed to November 2022**

In order to mitigate the risks associated with this programme of work, NHSE's Implementation team have now confirmed that the national switch-on for the Accelerating Access to Patient Records programme has now been further delayed until November 2022. Please see the following for [further information](#).

I would advise GP Data Controllers and their teams to continue preparing for this initiative, which will enable patients over the age of 13 to access the prospective data in their health record via the NHS app. A new Snomed code has been developed: **1364731000000104** "*Enhanced review indicated before granting own access to health record*". You may wish to add this code to selected records to prevent them from being accessed via the NHS app without an "enhanced review" taking place first.

### **Completion of DSPT – deadline 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

As you will be aware, the deadline for practices to complete their annual Data Security & Protection Toolkit submission is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022. I have attached a spreadsheet with Hints & tips to help with the completion of the toolkit. If you require any further assistance with the completion of the toolkit, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Jane.hilldpo@nhs.net](mailto:Jane.hilldpo@nhs.net)

[Log In \(dsptoolkit.nhs.uk\)](https://dsptoolkit.nhs.uk)

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## **Deceased patient Records – Delayed contractual changes**

NHSE/I have confirmed that the contractual changes for the management of deceased patient records have yet to take effect. This is due to required legislative and system changes remaining outstanding and means that practices should continue printing and sending the full records to PCSE until NHSE/I notifies the profession otherwise. PCSE will also retain the obligation to process AHRA requests it receives directly until that time.

## **Expiry of the “COPI Notice” – 30<sup>th</sup> June**

During the Covid 19 pandemic, the COPI Notice - (Notice under Regulation 3(4) of the NHS Control of Patient Information Regulations 2002) provided a temporary legal basis for the sharing and processing of patient data with a Covid-19 purpose. It is now set to expire, and it is therefore essential that any ongoing data processing has an alternative legal basis. I have reviewed all the existing data sharing agreements on the Information Sharing Gateway, and I am satisfied that they all clearly identify an appropriate legal basis for processing. I have also had assurance from NHS England that changes made to GP Connect and the Summary Care Record in response to the COVID-19 pandemic will continue beyond the expiry of the COPI Notice with the correct legal basis in place. Further information about these national data sharing initiatives can be found here: [National data sharing GP Connect and Summary Care Record Additional Information - NHS Digital](#)

## **National Data opt Out compliance – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

The mandatory implementation of the National Data Opt-Out (NDOO) deadline has been extended until **31<sup>st</sup> July 2022**. As set out in the [Operational Policy Guidance](#), the opt-out applies to the disclosure of confidential patient information for purposes beyond an individual’s direct care across the health and care system in England, unless an exemption has been granted.

In advance of July 31<sup>st</sup>, you will need to update your practice privacy notice, as well as any policies and procedures referring to data processing. You also need to ensure that patients are aware of their options - you can access material/ resources here [Information for GP practices - NHS Digital](#)

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](mailto:jane.hilldpo@nhs.net) or [westpennine.lmc@nhs.net](mailto:westpennine.lmc@nhs.net) or mobile 07951 530 417