

West Pennine Local Medical Committee

November 2020 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Alan Dow, Secretary



Dr Mohammed Wasim, Vice Chair

COVID 19 Vaccination programme

You will be aware the government are hoping to roll out a Covid 19 vaccination programme from the beginning of December 2020. The BMA's GP Committee have negotiated a framework to enable delivery of this vaccination programme by General Practices. We have attached the NHS England guidance and you can find the BMA's guidance here:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice-and-support/covid-19/gp-practices/covid-19-vaccination-programme>

LMC meeting – 11th November 2020

The committee met on Tuesday 11th November and discussed at length issues surrounding the COVID 19 vaccination programme. The PCN Clinical Directors from Oldham and Tameside & Glossop were invited to attend this meeting and they gave valuable input into the discussion. Attendees went on to discuss practice contingency plans, issues with the path lab at Oldham hospital and issues with referring patients into community services.

COVID 19 Guidance

Tameside & Glossop CCG have recently updated their guidance for clinical staff. I have attached Version 19 for your information.

Urgent referrals to Tameside/ Oldham hospital Emergency Departments

If you need to urgently refer a patient to Tameside hospital ED, you may wish to use the following email address: tga-tr.edreception@nhs.net

Oldham / Pennine Acute sites have the following phone number for use by GPs: 0161 909 0910

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One-minute Survey re Transfer of work from Secondary Care to Primary Care

We sent this survey out last month. It would be good to get more responses, so we can accurately gauge what people feel about work being transferred from secondary care to primary care.

If you haven't already done so, it would be much appreciated if you could click on the following link and complete the one-minute survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DRCZ7KT>

GP support available

Please be aware of following services which are available to GPs:

NHS PRACTITIONER HEALTH SERVICE - this is a free, confidential NHS service for doctors across England. The service can help with issues relating to a mental health concern. The service is provided by health professionals specialising in mental health support to doctors and is available in various locations across England <https://www.practitionerhealth.nhs.uk/> This service is confidential and can be accessed between 8am-8pm weekdays and 8am-2pm weekends by emailing gp.health@nhs.net or calling **0300 0303 300**

BMA WELLBEING SUPPORT SERVICE (Open to all doctors, not just BMA Members)
Access counselling 24/7 on **0330 123 1245**. All counsellors are members of the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy. To access the counselling service by live chat or email, visit this online portal and log in with the following details: Username: BMA Password: Wellbeing

NHS England support for GPs - free access to psychological and practical support for NHS staff: <https://people.nhs.uk/help/>

Medical Appraisal support

Please also see the attached document from NHS England.

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DPO Update



Jane Hill, GP Practice Data Protection Officer

ICO updated SAR (Subject Access Request) guidance

The right of access is a cornerstone of data protection law and good SAR compliance instils trust and confidence. The Information Commissioner's Office have recently released updated guidance, which you can read here: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-data-protection/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/right-of-access/information-about-other-individuals/>

In summary, the main updates to the guidance are:

- 1) Stopping the clock for clarification
- 2) Consideration of what is a manifestly excessive request
- 3) What can be included when charging a fee for excessive, unfounded or repeat requests - update on what organisations can take into account when charging an admin fee.

Data Sharing agreements on the ISG (Information Sharing Gateway)

I have recently reviewed and approved the DPIA (Data Protection Impact Assessment) for the Tele-dermatology service in Oldham. This should be on the ISG for data controller sign-off.

I have also reviewed the DPIA for the rollout of the Elemental system for use by Social Prescribers in Oldham and I think the system will work well in conjunction with EMIS. I flagged just a couple of concerns with the DPIA and once these have been addressed, the final version will be uploaded onto the ISG.

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I have also been involved in the development of the GM Care Record COVID 19 university research DPIA. This has now been approved and will be on the ISG for sign-off by data controllers in Tameside & Glossop and Oldham.

GM Care Record stakeholder bulletin

I have attached the latest GM Care Record bulletin; in case you haven't received this.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at jane.hilldpo@nhs.net or westpenninelmc@btconnect.com, or mobile 07951 530 417.