

## **West Pennine Local Medical Committee**

Supporting and representing GPs in Oldham, Tameside and Glossop

### **November 2022 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC**



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Alan Dow, Secretary



Dr Andrew Vance, Vice Chair

### **LMC meeting – Tuesday 8th - November 2022**

The committee met on Tuesday 8th November at 7pm via Teams. The risks associated with NHSE's Accelerating Citizens' access to records programme were discussed. It was acknowledged that there currently seem to be more questions than answers surrounding this programme of work and a significant number of practices in the West Pennine area have chosen to pause the initiative. Dr Alan Dow, who represents the Association of GM LMCs on the Patient Advisory Group, flagged that the clinical standards expected of GP practices and as assessed by our regulators such as CQC in reference to NICE/CKS can seem unrealistic when practices are overstretched, often being compromised by workforce issues. After discussion, it was agreed that this should be flagged at a GM level. Dr Alan Dow also flagged that in Tameside & Glossop there isn't any IT support available over the weekend. Increasingly GPs/Practices/PCNs undertake work at weekends, and it was agreed that the lack of IT provision should be flagged with those commissioning GP IT support.

### **Locum WhatsApp group**

In order to support locums and practices in the West Pennin area, we set up a WhatsApp group in August 2019 to support practice staff in finding locum cover, without paying colossal agency fees. If you are a Practice Manager, or a locum GP and wish to join the group please send your name, role and mobile number to [westpennine.lmc@nhs.net](mailto:westpennine.lmc@nhs.net)

### **GM Workforce Bank**

You may also wish to register with the GM workforce bank.  
<https://gmworkforcebank.co.uk>

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## Wellbeing

We are well aware of how stretched many GPs may currently feel. We encourage anybody who is feeling under strain to seek support, and also check in on your colleagues' wellbeing. The BMA provide a range of wellbeing and support services are available, including a 24/7 confidential counselling and peer support services, which can be accessed by phoning 0330 123 145

[wellbeing-top-tips-poster-2022.pdf \(bma.org.uk\)](#)

## Data Protection Office Update

### Access to patient records via NHS App

As you will be aware, practices were given the opportunity to postpone patients being given access to their prospective health data via the NHS App, by contacting EMIS/ TPP and instructing them not to make the relevant changes to the clinical system. For all other practices, access could be enabled from November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, unless GP Data Controllers chose to add the "104 code" to patients' records.

NHSE have advised that patient access to prospective health data will be made available for all practices by November 30<sup>th</sup> 2022. The BMA however are continuing talks with NHSE to establish whether they can in fact dictate such changes en masse, when the GP practices remain the Data Controller and as outlined in the Data Protection legislation "determine the means of and purposes for any data processing."

The most up-to date guidance from the BMA can be read here:

[bma-accelerated-access-to-gp-25-oct-2022.pdf](#)

For those practices who have delayed the implementation of this programme, you may wish to continue adding the 104 code: **1364731000000104** "*Enhanced review indicated before granting own access to health record*"

The follow up codes are :

- 1290301000000109 - Online access to own health record withheld following enhanced health record review (finding)
- 1290311000000106 - Online access to own health record granted following enhanced health record review (finding)
- 1290331000000103 - Online access to own health record declined by patient (situation

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### **COPI Notice extended**

Please be aware that the COPI Notice (Notice under Regulation 3(4) of the Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002) has been further extended until 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023. As I'm sure you know, the COPI Notice provides a temporary legal basis and mandates the sharing and processing of patient data with a Covid-19 purpose.

[Notice under Regulation 3\(4\) of the Health Service \(Control of Patient Information\) Regulations 2002 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Cyber attack**

We have been made aware that Bredbury Medical Centre in Stockport have been hacked. At this stage we do not know the details, however we are aware that their main e-mail distribution list has been compromised. Therefore, if you receive an e-mail from Bredbury Medical Centre please delete immediately and do not open any associated links or attachments.

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.