

West Pennine Local Medical Committee

Supporting and representing GPs in Oldham and Tameside & Glossop

MAY 2022 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Alan Dow, Secretary



Dr Andrew Vance, Vice Chair

LMC meeting – May 2022

The committee met on the evening of Tuesday 10th May via Teams. Representatives discussed the importance of the GP's voice being heard at a GM level in the new NHS architecture. The proposal to form a GP alliance in Tameside is being progressed in Tameside and it was suggested that an equivalent group in Oldham would be beneficial. The West Pennine LMC continues to be at the centre of discussions and the Association of GM LMCs intends to hold a networking event with the relevant Federation and PCN leads across GM. Vanessa Morris, West Pennine LMC Practice Manager representative for Oldham shared concerns that had been raised at the Practice Managers' forum earlier that day, including the issue of the practices phone service issued by Oldham CCG, which it has been suggested isn't fit for purpose. Vanessa, supported by the LMC officers is to look into how this situation can be rectified.

Rebuild General Practice campaign

The GPC (the GP Committee of the BMA) have kicked off their "Rebuild General Practice" campaign, created with GPs for GPs. As you will be well aware, GPs and their teams have been facing an extremely challenging time during the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally General Practice in England continues to face a worsening workforce crisis; BMA research published last year showed that the NHS has lost nearly 2,000 full-time equivalent GPs in England since 2015. The campaign has a clear call to action: to rebuild general practice or put patient safety at increasing risk. www.rebuildgp.co.uk

Guidance

Tameside & Glossop CCG have recently published Version 33 of their Covid 19 guidance. I have attached a copy of the guidance and it can also be found on our website: www.westpenninelmc.org.uk

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Practice Nurse representative vacancy

The committee has a vacancy for a Practice Nurse representative. If you feel you could be the voice of Practice Nursing, please do get in touch via the LMC office: westpennine.lmc@nhs.net
Expressions of interest will be welcomed until Friday 3rd June 2022.

Oldham Generalist Representative vacancies

We currently have two vacancies for Oldham Generalist Representatives. LMC Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm, currently via Teams. A meeting attendance fee is offered to representatives. If you are a GP in the Oldham area and feel you could be a voice for your profession, please do get in touch: westpennine.lmc@nhs.net

Recruitment advertising

As a way of further supporting you, the LMC is happy to share any GP/ managerial vacancies on the LMC website. If you wish to advertise a post, please send in a job advert with closing date.

DPO Update



Jane Hill, GP Practice Data Protection Officer

Completion of DSPT – deadline 30th June 2022

The deadline for practices to complete their annual Data Security & Protection Toolkit submission is 30th June 2022. I have attached a spreadsheet with Hints & tips to help with the completion of the toolkit – you need to refer to columns O and P. If you require any further assistance with the completion of the toolkit, please do not hesitate to contact me at Jane.hilldpo@nhs.net

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New Information Sharing e learning resource

Health Education England and the NHS Transformation Directorate have launched a [new IG elearning module on information sharing](#) to support frontline and admin staff. It uses real life scenarios to help you to understand the principles of sharing information and how to apply them in your job. To access the module, which is free of charge and takes no longer than 30 minutes to complete, please visit the [Information sharing programme page](#).

NHS England Accelerating patient access programme

[Access to patient records through the NHS App - NHS Digital](#)

In order to mitigate the risks associated with this proposal, this programme of work has now been paused until summer 2022 at the earliest. However, 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.

National Data opt Out compliance – 31st July 2022

The mandatory implementation of the National Data Opt-Out (NDOO), deadline of 31 March 2022, has now been extended until **31st 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 31st, 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 or westpennine.lmc@nhs.net or mobile 07951 530 417