

## **April update from the LMC**

### **AGM - Wednesday 11th May 2016**

We are looking forward to seeing you at the West Pennine LMC on **Wednesday 11th May 2016** at 6.45pm at the Village Hotel, Ashton-Under-Lyne. All Practice Managers and GPs are very welcome.

Please see the attached invitation and agenda for full details. It would be appreciated if you could confirm your attendance by e-mailing Jane Hill at [westpenninelmc@btconnect.com](mailto:westpenninelmc@btconnect.com) by Friday 29th April 2016.



AGM INVITATION  
Agenda 2016.pdf

(I have attached all PDF documents in case you are unable to open them in the body of this e-mail. They can also be sourced on our website: [www.westpenninelmc.org.uk](http://www.westpenninelmc.org.uk))

### **Dentists requesting advice from GPs**

It has recently come to our attention that increasingly dentists are contacting GPs, asking their advice on a patient's suitability for a tooth extraction or alveolar surgery. We liaised with the Local Dental Committee on this matter and they have advised us that this is due to the fact that there's been a lot of publicity about the potential danger of patients who are on Bisphosphonates. Dentists were instructed to contact their GPs for this information as patients are not always clear about how long they have been taking the drug.

While it is fine for GPs to be giving factual information, they should clearly not be expected to give advice on dentistry. We would remind GPs of the recommendation that a review by their dentist should be completed before a patient is commenced on Bisphosphonate therapy.

### **Letter templates for rejecting inappropriate requests to follow up hospital investigations**

NHS England recently published "standards for the communication of patient diagnostic test results on discharge from hospital".



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As noted by the GPC, principle two of the guidance is seemingly contradictory, stating "*that every test result received by a GP practice for a patient should be reviewed and where necessary acted on by a responsible clinician even if this clinician did not order the test*". The wording could be interpreted to potentially add significant bureaucracy and workload onto practices. To counteract unnecessary work the BMA have recently developed the following templates, which you may find useful:



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CCG Template  
letterFINAL.pdf

### **GP/ Practice staff recruitment advertising**

We are well aware of how expensive recruitment advertising can be, so in order to support you we have decided to offer all LMC levy paying practices the opportunity of advertising for any GP/ clinical and managerial vacancies on our website. [www.westpenninelmc.org.uk](http://www.westpenninelmc.org.uk)

If you wish to place an advert, please e-mail the advert including contact details and deadline to [westpenninelmc@btconnect.com](mailto:westpenninelmc@btconnect.com)

### **Revalidation guidance**

The RCGP have recently published new guidance on the Revalidation process. The guidance is attached and can also be located on the West Pennine LMC website, [www.westpenninelmc.org.uk](http://www.westpenninelmc.org.uk) or via the following link to the RCGP website:

<http://www.rcgp.org.uk/revalidation/new-revalidation-guidance-for-gps.aspx>



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If you have any queries about the above or any other issues relating to primary care, please do not hesitate to contact us via e-mail or at the LMC office.

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