

## **West Pennine Local Medical Committee**

### **December 2019 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC**



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Mohammed Wasim, Vice Chair



Dr Alan Dow, Secretary

### **Vice Chair**

We are delighted to announce that Dr Mohammed Wasim has been appointed as the new West Pennine LMC Vice Chair. Dr Wasim works as a Locum GP in the Oldham area and brings to the committee enthusiasm and a real passion for General Practice and primary care.

### **Health Intelligence Diabetic Retinopathy Screening service**

Representatives from Health Intelligence and the GM Partnership commissioning team met with the Association of GM LMCs yesterday. As I'm sure you're aware, there have been ongoing discussions about Health Intelligence's Diabetic Retinopathy screening programme and the fact that it has proved workload heavy for practices. The GM Partnership are about to write out to practices again and the LMC leads are now satisfied that the screening programme is working as efficiently as possible for the benefit of diabetic patients.

### **Cancellation of operations at Royal Oldham Hospital**

Please see the attached letter, which was written by and shared by our colleague at Bury & Rochdale LMC, Dr Mohammed Jiva.

### **NWAS - dedicated phone line for health professionals**

NWAS have recently shared a bulletin for health care professionals. It can be viewed using the following link:

<https://www.nwas.nhs.uk/news/healthcare-professional-requests-for-ambulance-transport/>

### **GM Partnership newsletter**

Please find the attached newsletter from the GM Partnership, which includes details of various free training events.

### **NHS Resolution training event – Manchester – 15<sup>th</sup> January**

Please find the attached flyer for a training vent in Manchester on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 9.15am – 2.00pm, which will include training on Primary Care appeals and Claims management.

Places can be booked via <http://bit.ly/primarycareeventnw>

### **Retiring GPs**

In order to acknowledge the service of retiring GPs, it would be very much appreciated if you could advise the LMC if a GP is retiring from your practice. Please e-mail Jane at [westpenninelmc@btconnect.com](mailto:westpenninelmc@btconnect.com)

### **Recruitment advertising on website**

We are happy to advertise any GP and managerial vacancies in the West Pennine area on our website. Please send adverts with a closing date to [westpenninelmc@btconnect.com](mailto:westpenninelmc@btconnect.com)

**DPO News overleaf**

## DPO News



Jane Hill, Data Protection Officer

### **Advice on data sharing with NHS 111**

The following advice was published by the BMA's GP Committee:

#### **NHS 111 Data Sharing Agreements**

We have had queries from practices regarding NHS 111 asking practices to sign Data Sharing Agreements in order to gain full access to patient health records via GP connect. As you are aware under the 2019/20 GP contract, practices are obliged to make available one [appointment per 3,000 patients per day for NHS 111](#) to book directly into practice appointments. This is provided that the functionality and governance exist. We have been informed that some practices have been sent DSAs by NHS 111 providers to enable direct booking. Our understanding is that a DSA is not necessary for the purposes of assigning an appointment only as it does not require access to the patient's medical record and NHS 111 appointment booking contract agreement is not an agreement for NHS 111 to access medical records.

Furthermore, DSA is not required when one independent data controller (i.e. NHS 111) is sharing personal data with another independent data controller (i.e. the GP practice). This also reflects usual practice in the health service when data are continuously shared between primary and secondary care for direct care purposes, such as referrals, without the requirement for a DSA. We have raised our concerns on a national level and once we have further clarity will share this with practices.

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## **Oldham Shares for You**

Having scrutinised the Oldham Shares For You DPIA (data sharing impact assessment) and Data Sharing Agreement, we have now given DPO approval to the agreement on behalf of the GP Practices in Oldham. The agreement is very robust and thorough, and we are satisfied with the Information Governance in place. The Data Sharing Agreements will now be sent out to the individual GP practices for the data controllers to sign.

## **Practice Engagement**

I enjoyed attending the Oldham PM Forum on December 18<sup>th</sup> to introduce myself to those of you who I haven't already met and to give an update on data sharing initiatives in the Oldham area. I will be at the T&G forum on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

If you feel your practice would benefit from an individual DPO visit, please do get in touch.

If you require any further information about any of the above, or any other data protection issues, please do not hesitate to contact me at [westpenninelmc@btconnect.com](mailto:westpenninelmc@btconnect.com), or mobile 07951 530 417.

**We hope you enjoy a very well-deserved break over the Christmas period and wish you the very best for 2020.**