

## West Pennine Local Medical Committee

### February 2020 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Alan Dow, Secretary



Dr Mohammed Wasim, Vice Chair

### 2020-21 GP contract update

West Pennine LMC are delighted to host the BMA's GP Committee on Thursday 26th March at 7.00pm at The Village Hotel, Ashton-Under-Lyne, OL7 0PG. Dr Krishna Kasaraneni, GPC Executive, will be delivering an update on the 2020-21 GP contract and you are most welcome to join us.

I have attached the agenda for further information and if you haven't already done so, please reserve your place by emailing Sue at [sue.gilks1@nhs.net](mailto:sue.gilks1@nhs.net)

### Forthcoming Locality Representative election

The LMC values the wisdom and experience of those who have served on the committee, as well as fresh faces that will bring new ideas. Please see the attached letter for further information and if you are interested in joining the committee as a Locality representative, please do nominate yourself using the attached form. The deadline for receipt of nominations is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

### Practice Nurse Representative

As a committee we benefit from having a Practice Nurse Representative for the T&G area. We are looking to recruit a Practice Nurse representative from the Oldham area. It would involve attending a monthly evening meeting and being the voice of Practice Nurses. It would be much appreciated if you could bring this to the attention of your Practice Nurse; if they are interested could they please e-mail [westpenninelmc@btconnect.com](mailto:westpenninelmc@btconnect.com)

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### **Vice Chair – Oldham GP Practice contact**

Dr Mohammed Wasim, the LMC's newly appointed Vice Chair recently wrote out to the Oldham GP practices, offering to meet at a mutually convenient time. Dr Wasim is keen to understand the challenges facing primary care teams in Oldham. If you want to contact Dr Wasim you can email him on [mohammedwasim@doctors.org.uk](mailto:mohammedwasim@doctors.org.uk) or via the LMC office on [westpenninelmc@btconnect.com](mailto:westpenninelmc@btconnect.com)

### **COVID-19 (a type of Coronavirus)**

The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care (England), Matt Hancock, has published new regulations declaring that the incidence or transmission of novel Coronavirus constitutes a serious and imminent threat to public health. The BMA has updated its [guidance to reflect the latest Government guidance for health professionals](#).

We have also updated our [website](#) with information about coronavirus, which can be used in your practice to inform patients.

Whilst the risk of harm for patients and staff of contracting COVID-19 remains very low, the fear of what it may cause remains high. It is therefore important practices consider what information they are providing for patients and staff via messages in the surgery, posters, leaflets, texting, social media on Facebook, twitter, Instagram, you-tube and practice websites too. Here are examples for you to see from [Haughton Thornley Medical Centres](#) from Tameside & Glossop.

### **Changes to FP10 Prescription form**

There have been changes to the FP10 prescription form and I have attached the relevant guidance for further information.

### **Training opportunities**

#### **Freedom to Speak Up workshop**

This event is set to take place on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at the Spire Manchester Hospital. It is suitable for primary care organisations interested in appointing Freedom to Speak Up Guardians. Please see the attached for further information about this event. Places can be booked via the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/85612590563>

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## DPO Update



Jane Hill, Data Protection Officer

### **NHS Data Security and Protection Toolkit**

As I'm sure you're aware, the deadline for the completion of the DSPT is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. The ICO recently flagged that ALL data breaches (regardless of the impact they have had/ could have) should be recorded on the DSPT, forming the practice's data breach register.

### **National Data opt-out compliance**

NHS Digital wrote out to all GP Practices in August 2019 explaining the practice compliance requirements for the National Data opt-out programme. By way of reminder, I have attached this letter, as well as the GP Practice compliance checklist. The **deadline** for compliance this is **31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.**

Type 2 opt out codes were previously in use and these codes must now be replaced. Please follow the link for instructions on how to run this search on EMIS/TTP:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/services/national-data-opt-out/information-for-gp-practices#practices-must-no-longer-record-type-2-opt-outs->

### **Health Checks in Glossopdale - update**

There is currently a pause on NHS Healthchecks provision in the Glossopdale area. TCR have been contracted by Derbyshire County Council to carry out the Health Checks, but unfortunately TCR's data processing proposal is not GDPR compliant. TCR have requested that they extract the *full* medical record for *all* registered patients. Clearly this is excessive and not necessary for the Health checks. We flagged this with TCR, who informed us that the agreement was passed off by NHS Digital. We are now liaising with NHS Digital and hopefully this issue can be resolved promptly.

## **DPO Update cont'd**

### **Removal of fax machines from General Practice**

AS you will know, the GP contract states that GP practices will no longer use fax machines for either NHS or patient communications by April 2020. I have attached a best practice guidance document for your information.

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.