

West Pennine Local Medical Committee

January 2020 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Alan Dow, Secretary



Dr Mohammed Wasim, Vice Chair

West Pennine LMC's response to the PCN DES specification

As you will be aware, NHS England recently published new guidelines on the PCN DES. The LMC discussed this with members, PCN CDs and grassroots GP observers at last week's monthly committee meeting and they have submitted the attached letter in response to the concerns raised at that meeting.

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 or via the LMC office on westpenninelmc@btconnect.com

Forthcoming Locality Representative election

The West Pennine LMC is looking for new blood!! 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.

Training opportunities

GM Excellence Practice Manager conference

This conference for Practice Managers across GM will take place on Thursday 6th February 2020. Places can be booked via the following link:

<https://www.events.england.nhs.uk/events/practice-managers-conference>

PCN conference 2020

The GPC are hosting a PCN Conference on Saturday 8 February 2020, at the ICC Birmingham. This is an opportunity to join other PCN leaders, share best practice and build supportive relationships. If you haven't already signed up, then you can do so by contacting kday@bma.org.uk

Freedom to Speak Up workshop

This event is set to take place on Tuesday 31st 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>

DPO News



Jane Hill, Data Protection Officer

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 **31st March 2020**.

If you haven't already done so, I would recommend completing the Blue stream Academy National Data opt out online tutorial, to enable better understanding of the scheme.

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Health Checks in Glossopdale

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 have flagged this with TCR, and hopefully this issue can be resolved promptly.

Cyber protection

We are all becoming more aware of the threats and potential consequences of deliberate harmful activity from external sources related to computer viruses, malware and even ransoms. Please find attached the GPDF's guidance on Cyber Security

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, or mobile 07951 530 417.