

## West Pennine Local Medical Committee

Supporting and representing GPs in Oldham and Tameside & Glossop

### **July 2022 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC**



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Alan Dow, Secretary



Dr Andrew Vance, Vice Chair

### **LMC meeting – July 12<sup>th</sup> 2022**

The committee met on the evening of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July via Teams. We were delighted that Dr Ben Milton, Derbyshire LMC Medical Director, chose to join the meeting, in order to establish relationships with a view to supporting the Glossopdale GP Practices. The dawn of the ICB – “NHS GM” - and the impact on grassroot GPs in the West Pennine area was discussed. The LMC will continue to be the voice of General Practice as the transition takes place and the new organisation evolves.

Dr Alan Dow shared his concerns about the shared care initiation requests for rheumatology by Tameside ICFT. He flagged that the letter patients are receiving about their care is misleading and he will flag this with the ICFT.

### **SAVE THE DATE! ...**

**West Pennine LMC AGM** will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.00 pm in the Inspiration Suite, Village Hotel, Ashton-Under-Lyne, OL7 0PG.

We are absolutely delighted to announce that Dr Farah Jameel, Chair of the GPC (GP Committee of the BMA) will be joining us as our Keynote speaker.

We would love you to join us to celebrate the outstanding work of GPs and their teams in the West Pennine area.

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### **GP of Note nominations**

As part of the AGM on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, we will be awarding a GP from the Oldham area and one from Tameside & Glossop with a GP of Note award. If you would like to nominate one of your GP colleagues for their outstanding work in General Practices, please do send details to the LMC office : [westpennine.lmc@nhs.net](mailto:westpennine.lmc@nhs.net)

### **GPs and practice staff who sadly lost their lives during the Covid-19 pandemic**

During the AGM, we will also take a few moments to remember General Practice colleagues who tragically lost their lives due to Covid 19. If one of your colleagues/ staff members sadly died, please will you let us know their name and the role they had at the practice, so we can honour them. [westpennine.lmc@nhs.net](mailto:westpennine.lmc@nhs.net)

### **Institute of General Practice Management – Accreditation of Practice Managers**

West Pennine LMC support the fantastic work of the IGPM, who are now offering Accreditation for Practice Managers.

#### **Accreditation - IGPM**

While the cost is £280.00, we feel it's an excellent way for Practice Managers to gain professional recognition, particularly as the Accreditation certificate is recognised by the CQC. As previously stated, in order to support Practice Managers and the IGPM, the LMC is happy to pay 50% of the membership costs should you wish to join the organisation.

#### **Fees calculator**

You may find the BMA's Fees calculator useful - it helps doctors decide how much to charge for their services based on their own circumstances. The Fees calculator uses your overheads to calculate a fee range for the time it takes to complete a piece of work. The calculations are specific to you, and you can see what rates you would need to charge to make sure your costs are covered:

[BMA fees calculator](#)

#### **Pension Training**

Our colleagues from Stockport LMC are holding a meeting to give GPs further information about their pensions. If you wish to join this meeting, which will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm at Stepping Hill Hospital, SK2 7JD, please use the following link to book your place:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/383349026257>

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## **NWRS Workforce Data Submission**

A message from Gill Pilkington - Commissioning Project Manager Primary Care Workforce Development (Tameside):

As you are already aware part of the GMS (General Medical Services) 2017 contract and the HSCA (Health and Social Care Act) state that General Practice is required both contractually and legally to provide their workforce data. This data collection is in the form of the Northwest Reporting system (NWRS) which practices are expected to review on a monthly basis and amend accordingly, however I know this has been challenging throughout the Pandemic.

As discussed in various arenas this comprehensive data set is more than just a contractual expectation and is pivotal both locally and nationally in demonstrating the current and potential challenges that general practice is facing.

Through this data strategies can be developed to ensure there is a sustainable, increasing workforce to meet planned demand. We are also aware that this data set is used for some funding streams and has the potential to support other requests e.g., estates and IT.

Please can we ask that practices make this a priority if they have not accessed the NWRS in the last 2- 3 months and ensure it is reflective of your current workforce as we are in the process of establishing submissions across Tameside general practice.

For any practice manager/nominated personnel that is not registered on the system please can you register at <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/areas-of-interest/workforce/national-workforce-reporting-service-nwrs/support>

If you are registered on the system but have difficulty inputting onto the system, then please email [enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk](mailto:enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk) with your query.

Any queries/questions please don't hesitate to contact me – [gill.pilkington@nhs.net](mailto:gill.pilkington@nhs.net)

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## **DPO Update**



Jane Hill, GP Practice Data Protection Officer

## **New COPI Notice**

As previously flagged, the COPI notice expired on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. However, another Notice on the COPI (Control of Patient Information regulations) has been served and is currently due to expire at the end of October 2022 but will probably be extended again. It is specifically intended to support the Covid-19 related research platform going forward. To this end, relevant data will be extracted from GP clinical systems and pseudonymised data will then be analysed to identify medical conditions and medications that affect the risk or impact of Covid 19 infection on individuals. That data will be retained in the secure research platform for two years for verification of analyses.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): notice under Regulation 3\(4\) of the Health Service \(Control of Patient Information\) Regulations 2002 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/covid-19-research-notice)

[NHS England » OpenSAFELY – the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Research Platform](https://www.nhs.uk/ourwork/research-and-evidence/open-safely)

## **New amending patient records guidance**

NHSE have recently published guidance on amending patient records, which you may find useful:

<https://www.nhs.uk/ourwork/information-governance/guidance/amending-patient-and-service-user-records/>

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## **National Data opt Out compliance – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

The mandatory implementation of the National Data Opt-Out (NDOO) deadline has been extended until **31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>, you will need to update your practice privacy notice, as well as any policies and procedures referring to data processing. You also need to have a DPIA (Data Protection Impact Assessment) in place and I have attached the national template to meet this requirement. The onus is on the patient to register themselves, but you need to ensure that patients are aware of their options - you can access material/ resources here [Information for GP practices - NHS Digital](#)

Your clinical system suppliers should be releasing the MESH software (the messaging exchange for social care and health) in advance of the compliance deadline. I contacted EMIS who confirmed that their MESH solution was released in update 9.5.1 as inactive; it was activated on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022. For ease of reference, I have attached further information from EMIS.

## **Deceased patient Records – Delayed contractual changes**

NHSE/I have confirmed that the contractual changes for the management of deceased patient records have yet to take effect. This is due to required legislative and system changes remaining outstanding and means that practices should continue printing and sending the full records to PCSE until NHSE/I notifies the profession otherwise. PCSE will also retain the obligation to process AHRA requests it receives directly until that time.

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## **Access to records programme – delayed to November 2022**

In order to mitigate the risks associated with this programme of work, NHSE's Implementation team have now confirmed that the national switch-on for the Accelerating Access to Patient Records programme has now been further delayed until November 2022. Please see the following for [further information](#).

The Implementation team have recently announced details of two webinars regarding the safeguarding implications of enabling patients to access their GP records. Details and registration links are as follows:

### **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 12-1pm**

Michelle Sharma, named GP for Safeguarding and Co-Chair of the National Network of Named GPs for Safeguarding (NNNGP) will presenting and discussing how processes were implemented in practice, giving advice and guidance to manage records access and safeguarding. Michelle will join an expert panel that will answer questions from the audience.

To register, please visit [link](#)

### **Thursday 11th August 12-1pm**

James Higgins, GP and named GP for safeguarding will be presenting on detail specific scenarios including circumstances that may cause harm, changes in circumstances, vulnerability and coercion. Additionally, there will be discussions on when to consider not providing record access to a patient.

To register, please visit [link](#)

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](mailto:jane.hilldpo@nhs.net) or [westpennine.lmc@nhs.net](mailto:westpennine.lmc@nhs.net) or mobile 07951 530 417