

West Pennine Local Medical Committee

July 2018 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Peter Wright, Secretary



Dr Zuber Ahmed, Vice Chair

ICAS employment tax

You may find useful the attached guidance on the Criminal Finances Act and Employment Law, which has been published by ICAS (The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland) and the GDPF.



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The guidance can also be found on the West Pennine LMC website: www.westpenninelmc.org.uk

Military/ Ex-Service personnel campaign

There is an awareness campaign to encourage ex-service personnel and current Armed Forces members to let their GP know of their service to their country.

Those who have served previously may be entitled to priority treatment, while for those currently serving, their families should not be disadvantaged when accessing NHS Services, due to them moving around as a result of a new posting.

If you, your family, your friends or neighbours are ex-service personnel then please spread the message so that GPs know and can help. For further information please contact the project coordinator Megan Harrison at megan.harrison@nhs.net

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Prescribing for Ex Prisoners

The dangers of prescribing pregabalin to ex prisoners has been brought to our attention, after an associated death in the West Pennine area. We are well aware that there is often no repeat prescribing information passed on to GPs by the prison medical services and we are doing what we can to change this. In the meantime, please can we urge you NOT TO PRESCRIBE Pregabalin to ex prisoners, unless you did so before they went into prison, you receive clear communication from the relevant prison doctor about repeat prescribing, or you feel it is clinically necessary.

GPC guidance on -Reimbursement for locum cover for sickness

Following several requests from GPs and LMCs for clarification around reimbursement for locum cover for sickness, NHS England has confirmed to GPC England that where a GP is signed off sick as part of a phased return then the SFE entitles the practice to locum reimbursement where the requirements under the SFE are met. Where a GP is not signed off sick but has agreed a phased return or does not meet the requirements of the SFE, this would be a discretionary matter. Practices are encouraged to quote this clarification from the Head of Primary Care Commissioning (Medical Services) if they are having problems with this issue when liaising with their CCG.

Dr Richard Fitton - West Pennine DPO

Dr Fitton has now started his role as Data Protection Officer for the West Pennine LMC levy paying practices. He is very experienced in data protection and information Governance, having been Caldicott Guardian for Tameside & Glossop CCG and having served on the National Care Record Development Board. I'm sure you will agree he is a real asset to our practices. While the LMC are pleased to facilitate the employment of Dr Fitton, please do see him as YOUR practice's DPO.

Dr Fitton's contact details can be found on our website [here](#).

Please do advise all your practice staff of their Data Protection Officer's contact details. It is a GDPR requirement that all staff know who their DPO is and how to contact him should they need to.

Dr Fitton has begun visiting the West Pennine GP practices to assist with achieving GDPR compliance and the LMC admin team will be in touch to arrange a mutually convenient meeting time in due course.

GPDR Resources

To support you further with the implementation of GDPR, we continue to upload some very useful GDPR templates and guidance documents to our website. They are based on the blogs that Dr Paul Cundy, GPC IT Policy Lead has written. You can access them using this [here](#).

LMC/ GPC Trainers' List server

In order to support GP Trainers, Educational Supervisors and undergraduate teachers, the GPC have set up a List Server. If you are a trainer and feel it would benefit you to be part of this, please e-mail Karen Day directly on kday@bma.org.uk, expressing your wish to be part of this new List server.

If you require any more information about the above or any other Primary Care issues, please do not hesitate to contact us via westpenninelmc@btconnect.com