



# West Pennine

## Local Medical Committee

Representing and supporting GPs in  
Glossop, Oldham & Tameside

### June 2025 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Alan Dow, Secretary/  
GM GPC Representative



Dr Mark Wilshire- Vice Chair



Jane Hill, LMC Liaison Officer/  
GP Practice Data Protection Officer

### LMC meeting – Tuesday 10th JUNE 2025

The committee met on Tuesday 10th June in the meeting room at the offices of GTD Healthcare in Denton. Advice & Guidance and the associated payment was discussed. £20.00 for the A&G does not automatically and necessarily cover any work then suggested which might need separate commissioned arrangements. GP colleagues should also be aware that, at the time of the meeting and as this Newsletter goes out, the details of the scheme have not been finalised and it therefore unclear what is eligible and what is not, if there is to be a cap, etc.

Dr Alan Dow raised the risks of GPs taking on the prescribing and management of drugs categorised as Amber. It was agreed that specialist drugs, such as psychiatric medicines, should remain with the specialist doctor.

It was also discussed that IT issues across the West Pennine footprint continue to be highly disruptive to GPs and their teams. These issues are to be flagged by the LMC at their forthcoming meetings with the Derbyshire, Oldham and Tameside ICB leads.

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### **MIND THE GAP national & local campaign**

As you will be aware, the BMA - GPC England's national dispute with Government is currently paused, following the acceptance of the 2025/26 contract agreement and with the promise to deliver a new contract within the life of this parliament. However, the national "Mind The Gap" campaign has superseded GP Collective Action – with the aim of enhancing patient care and safety by identifying and resolving ongoing commissioning gaps and inappropriate workload transfer.

This aligns with similar actions both nationally and across Greater Manchester, and reflects ongoing concerns raised in the Primary-Secondary Care Interface Group.

### **MIND THE GAP in Oldham**

Further to consultation with the GP practices in Oldham, we will be writing to the secondary care providers to give them 3 months' notice regarding the changes that the MIND THE GAP campaign will introduce in Oldham on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025. We have attached a copy of the previous letter we sent to you regarding this important development.

### **MIND THE GAP in Tameside and in Glossop**

The West Pennine LMC and the Tameside GP Alliance wrote to secondary care providers on 27<sup>th</sup> March, giving them 3 months' notice and advising them that GPs in Glossop & Tameside would be rejecting uncommissioned, non-contractual work from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. We have attached a copy of this letter for ease of reference.

### **FAO Tameside & Glossop Practices - Letter from Pennine Care Mental Health Foundation Trust**

We recently received a very welcome and positive response from Dr Simon Sandhu – Medical Director, Pennine Care NHSFT. We have attached a copy of the letter. Pennine Care's approach, outlined in their letter to medical colleagues (also attached), will make working with Pennine Care and collaborating on a system wide result so much more effective.

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### **Mounjaro guidance**

There are still many unknowns associated with the prescribing of Mounjaro (Tirzepatide). You may find the following recently published BMA guidance useful:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice-and-support/gp-practices/gp-service-provision/focus-on-tirzepatide-mounjaro-for-weight-management-in-general-practice>

We've also attached GM ICB's guidance document that was published in May 2025. As stated in this guidance document "Tirzepatide is not currently available for prescribing in any setting in the management of obesity in Greater Manchester." Both of these resources can also be found on our website: [www.westpenninelmcc.org](http://www.westpenninelmcc.org)

While DDICB is yet to inform GPs of the process within Derbyshire, GMICB has asked GPs NOT to prescribe until their commissioned pathway is in place.

### **ICB survey**

It is a time of great change for ICBs and NHSE and we would like to provide some "local intelligence" to Region as to how well our 3 Locality teams have supported General Practice; if you haven't already done so, please complete the following CONFIDENTIAL poll to help build up that picture:

<https://forms.office.com/e/2KZ2cDwcr8>

### **Glossop Practice Manager representative vacancy**

We are looking to recruit a Glossop Practice Manager LMC representative from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Representatives are offered an attendance fee to attend the LMC meetings, which take place at 7pm on the second Tuesday of every month (apart from August), either via Teams or in person. If you feel you could represent the GP practices in Glossop, or if you require any further information about the role, please do get in touch with Jane Hill via the LMC office: [Westpennine.lmc@nhs.net](mailto:Westpennine.lmc@nhs.net)

The deadline for Expression of Interest is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July.

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## Data Protection Office Update

### Caldicott Guardian training

The UK Caldicott Guardian Council is delivering a series of training course for Caldicott Guardians, or someone performing the Caldicott function for your organisation. Please use the following links to book onto a course:

### Virtual evening classes

Join Helen Dyer, an experienced Caldicott Guardian trainer and vice-chair of the UKCGC, **for free evening classes** focused on the complex challenges Caldicott Guardians face in health and social care. Through real-life case studies, explore challenging scenarios and requests often encountered in this role.

These sessions are available for booking via Eventbrite and are open exclusively to Caldicott Guardians and those performing the Caldicott function in their organisation.

### Information Sharing Considerations: Sharing with the Police

 **Thursday, 3 July 2025** |  17:30

### Information Sharing Considerations: Mental Health

 **Wednesday, 6 August 2025** |  17:30

### Networking for Caldicott Guardians

 **Wednesday, 3 September 2025** |  17:30

### Information Sharing Considerations: A Legal Framework

 **Wednesday, 1 October 2025** |  17:30

### Caldicott Guardians and DPIAs

 **Thursday, 6 November 2025** |  17:30

### Information Sharing Considerations: Safeguarding

 **Tuesday, 2 December 2025** |  17:30

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### **Breakfast clubs**

This is a free monthly breakfast club for Caldicott Guardians held on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 08:00 to 09:00. It is held virtually via MS Teams and can include relevant news updates, opportunity to network with other Caldicott Guardians, case studies and the chance to ask questions you may be facing as a Caldicott Guardian. Those wishing to attend should contact the breakfast club chair, Helen Dyer at [helen.dyer10@nhs.net](mailto:helen.dyer10@nhs.net)

### **ICB fraud warning**

GM ICB recently share a fraud warning, relating to “Vishing” – people pretending to be a medical professional via a telephone call. If you haven’t already seen the warning notice, please do review the attached document.

### **New NHSE FOI guidance**

NHSE have recently published new guidance on processing Freedom of Information requests. Please see the following:

[Requesting information from a public body: freedom of information - NHS Transformation Directorate](#)

### **GM Care Record – Change to data feed**

Going forward, patient data will be fed into the GM Shared Care Record via GP Connect, rather than from the EMIS system. Anton King & Jenny Spiers - GM Information Governance Leads are currently working on the supporting Information Governance documentation. I have had a demo from GMCR Project Lead Rachel Newsome – Jackson, and I don’t currently have any significant concerns about the change in data processing.

**If you require any further information about any of the above, or if you require any support with General Practice/ Data Protection concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via the LMC office: [westpennine.lmc@nhs.net](mailto:westpennine.lmc@nhs.net) or at [jane.hilldpo@nhs.net](mailto:jane.hilldpo@nhs.net)**