

West Pennine Local Medical Committee

Supporting and representing GPs in Oldham and Tameside & Glossop

June 2021 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Alan Dow, Secretary



Dr Andrew Vance, Vice Chair

LMC meeting – June 8th, 2021

The committee met on the evening of Tuesday 8th June via Microsoft Teams. Concern was voiced about the uncertainty surrounding primary care's position within the new ICS structure. It was acknowledged that LMCs, as a Grassroot GP provider organisation, should be at the forefront of discussions. Glossop's medical future as part of Tameside and Glossop and GM, or Derbyshire ICS was due to be decided in 3 days' time. Inappropriate workload transfer from secondary care was again discussed, with Dr Elizabeth Foster, Oldham Locality Representative, giving the example of a very long-winded/ work-heavy fertility services referral process. Dee Radcliffe, Oldham Practice Manager representative, shared that the CQC expect all GP practices to have a "Freedom To Speak Up Officer" and the possibility of West Pennine LMC providing such a service was discussed. There was also a discussion about the possibility of setting up an EMIS user group, in order to support member practices across Oldham and Tameside & Glossop; it was agreed that the LMC should progress this. Dr Andrew Vance, LMC Vice Chair shared an update on developments in the Oldham area, including the new financial arrangements. Dr Alan Dow, LMC Secretary and GM GPC Representative, shared a GPC update. Jane Hill, GP Practice Data Protection Officer also gave an update.

Freedom To Speak up Guardian

As the CQC are citing a "Freedom To Speak up Guardian" as a requirement for GP practices, we'd be interested to hear your thoughts on whether a further point of contact, outside the practice, would be best carried out by a Buddy Practice, or whether the LMC could perhaps provide this function as a way of further supporting you. Humberside LMC have established Freedom to Speak up Guardians and further information about the service they offer can be found here:

[Humberside LMC: Freedom to Speak Up Guardian Service](#)

It would be much appreciated if you could let us have your views on where this role is best to sit:
westpenninelmc@btconnect.com

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BMA ICS briefing

The Association of GM LMCs was delighted to host the BMA for a GP Practice ICS briefing on Wednesday 26th May. In case you were unable to attend that event, I have attached the slides from the meeting and you can view a recording [here](#)

LMC walk – Sunday 27th June at 10.30am

As we have been unable to hold an AGM this year, we would be delighted if you could join the West Pennine Local Medical Committee for a walk. This will be your opportunity to raise any issues in person with the LMC Officers and GM GPC representative, or to just enjoy being in the great outdoors.

We will meet in the visitors' car park of St Mary's School, Chew Valley Road, Greenfield, Oldham OL3 7DW. We'll then set off for an approximately 2 hours long walk into the hills above Greenfield in Saddleworth (it won't be too strenuous!). Please bring a drink and snack/ packed lunch. Family members are welcome as long as numbers don't exceed Covid regulations on June 27th.

Please do let us know if you're able to join us westpenninelmc@btconnect.com

GP Resilience

We are very aware how stretched most GPs, Practice Managers and practice staff are feeling currently. If we can support you in any way, please do get in touch.

We have attached the slides from a presentation, which Dr Shaba Nabi shared with Urgent Care Colleagues, explaining the myths about General Practice and exposing the truth about how very hard GP colleagues are working. We have also attached an article by Dr Brian McGregor highlighting the issues currently faced by GPs.

Dr Zoe Norris, Humberside LMC representative contacted her regional BBC news team and asked if they'd like to spend a day with one of the local practices, after some recent negative coverage. They agreed and this is the result: (Unfortunately, this footage will expire on iPlayer tonight, so please do watch it today if you can!) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000wxnl>

IGPM have produced this video to highlight the issues facing Practice Managers: <https://youtu.be/hAM3fSDq9kA>

Trainee GP representative vacancies

We have vacancies for a GP trainee representative for Oldham and a representative for Tameside & Glossop from the beginning of September. If you are working with a trainee GP who may be interested in joining the committee and being the voice of trainee GP colleague, please ask them to get in touch. LMC meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month, currently via Teams, and a meeting attendance fee is offered to committee members. If you require any further information, or wish to express interest in joining the committee, please email Jane Hill, LMC Liaison Officer, at westpenninelmc@btconnect.com. The deadline for expressions of interest is 31st July 2021.

DPO Update



Jane Hill, GP Practice Data Protection Officer

NHS Digital GP Practice data Collection for planning and Research

As I confirmed in the email I sent out earlier this week, further to pressure from the BMA, the government have now confirmed that they will delay the start of this data collection until September 1st, 2021. My hope is that NHS Digital will use the extra time to do the relevant stakeholder and patient engagement, enabling proper understanding of the data collection for all involved.

[General Practice Data for Planning and Research \(GPDPR\) - NHS Digital](#)

Information Sharing Gateway

The ISG is flagging some practices as “organisation assurance expired”. Can you please double check your practice’s assurance is up-to-date by, for example, updating your ICO registration expiry date?

The following DPIAs have been recently uploaded onto the ISG for data controller sign off. In both cases, I have scrutinised the DPIAs and am satisfied that these data sharing initiatives meet all relevant data protection and Information Governance requirements.

For practices in T&G:

Willow Wood – GP Practices

This is to enable bidirectional read only data sharing for Willow Wood hospice and the GP practices in T&G.

For practices in Oldham:

UEC by appointment

In response to the Urgent Care by Appointment initiative, the CCG are currently commissioning a Primary Care Led Urgent Care Service from the Integrated Care Centre (ICC) in Oldham and a Pre-ED Rapid Assessment at The Royal Oldham Hospital A & E Department.

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NHS Data Security & Protection Toolkit – deadline 30th June 2021

The deadline for submitting your 202-21 DSPT return is 30th June 2021. If you require any further support with the completion of the toolkit, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sharing safeguarding information via email

We recently received a query about whether it is safe to send safeguarding information via email. Sensitive data including P.I.D. (person identifiable data) can be sent, *with caution*, from one secure email address to another.

The following email addresses are considered secure:

- Nhs.net
- nhs.uk domains accredited to the DCB1596 secure email standard
- Gov.uk
- Cjsm.net
- Pnn.police.uk
- Mod.uk
- Parliament.uk

As data controller, you are of course right to be cautious about sending safeguarding information. The GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 puts the onus on the data controller to assess and mitigate any risks. You may wish to password protect your email or use an encryption tool.

GM Care Record

Peter Richards, the Communications Lead for the GM Care Record will be attending various meetings in Oldham and Tameside & Glossop to demonstrate the GMCR public engagement campaign, which is about to be launched and to answer any questions you may have.

There are also webinars planned for the following dates, which you may wish to attend to further your understanding of GM Care Record:

16th June, 5pm-6.30pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/156898181685>

22nd June, 5pm-6.30pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/156913184559>

23rd June, 5pm-6.30pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/156913324979>

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at jane.hilldpo@nhs.net or westpenninelmc@btconnect.com, or mobile 07951 530 417.