

West Pennine Local Medical Committee

June 2018 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Peter Wright, Secretary



Dr Zuber Ahmed, Vice Chair

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 your practice. 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 will be visiting each practice over the next few months to help guide you with your GDPR compliance and Jane from the LMC office will be in touch to arrange a mutually convenient meeting time in due course.

GDPR Resources

To support you further with the implementation of GDPR, we have recently uploaded 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](#).

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Good Practice guideline re repeat prescribing when a patient temporarily moves into a nursing home

We recently received a query from a practice regarding responsibility for prescribing for patients when they move out of the practice area of their parent practice. Our LMC view is that the safety of and wellbeing of the patient is the priority here and medication errors occurring during transition pose a significant risk. On this basis, West Pennine LMC guidance is as follows:

- i) If the patient has moved from their own home for respite on a trial basis, the first monthly prescription should be issued by the original practice who will have an accurate and up to date list of medication, allergies, intolerances and current doses.
- ii) If the patient has moved from hospital or intermediate care, then the practice caring for them as a temporary resident should be responsible as they have the most up to date information.

We have attached a PDF version of this guidance for your records.

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.

LMC-LPC Joint working group meeting - Tuesday 19th June

The LMC will be meeting with the Local Pharmaceutical Committee on Tuesday of next week. If you have any issues relating to pharmacy/ prescribing which you would like us to raise on your behalf, please flag them by e-mailing the LMC at westpenninelmc@btconnect.com

Recruitment advertising on website

We are happy to advertise any GP and managerial vacancies in the West Pennine area on our website. Please send adverts with a closing date to westpenninelmc@btconnect.com

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