

## West Pennine Local Medical Committee

### March 2019 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Peter Wright, Secretary



Dr Zuber Ahmed, Vice Chair

### BMA – GPC 2019-20 contract update

We are delighted to announce that Dr Richard Vautrey, Chair of the BMA will be delivering a 2019-20 GP contract update on **Tuesday April 2nd, 2019 at 7.30pm** at the Village Hotel, Ashton-Under-Lyne, OL7 0PG. Please find the attached invitation for further information. If you haven't already reserved your place, please do so by e-mailing Jane at [westpenninelmc@btconnect.com](mailto:westpenninelmc@btconnect.com).

### Tameside & Glossop Locality representative sought

One of our Tameside & Glossop Locality representative has recently had to step down, which means we now have a vacancy. The committee meets on the second Tuesday evening of every month and strives to represent the true voice of GPs. If you are working as a GP in the Tameside & Glossop area and may be interested in joining the LMC, please contact Jane at [westpenninelmc@btconnect.com](mailto:westpenninelmc@btconnect.com) by Friday March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Royal Oldham Hospital End of Life Statement of Intent

It has been brought to the LMC's attention that the Royal Hospital have on several occasions asked GPs to come to the hospital on a Friday evening to sign a Sol to allow a patient to be discharged to die at home. Clearly this isn't a great use of a GPs time and we wrote to Matthew Makin, Clinical Director at the Royal Oldham Hospital to raise this issue. I have attached his reply, which clearly states that hospital doctors should be signing these forms.

If you do receive a request to attend the hospital to sign an Sol, please do let us know and you may wish to contact Matthew Makin directly.

### Practice Manager Development Fund

The GM Partnership are set to release another sum of money to support Practice Manager development and they have confirmed that they will release this fund via the LMC in the next few weeks. Oldham is set to receive £8216.00 and T&G is set to receive £7977.00. The LMC PM reps,

Leon Xavier and Vivien Dawber attended PM forums recently and established that Practice Managers felt they would benefit from a 'PM Masterclass' type of training day. Please watch this space for further details of this training event.

### **Practice Nurse representatives**

Dr Hannan, LMC Chair would like to speak to Practice Nurses who feel their voices should be heard. Please do ask any interested Practice Nurses to contact Dr Hannan directly on [amir.hannan@nhs.net](mailto:amir.hannan@nhs.net)

### **Retiring GPs**

In order to acknowledge the service of retiring GPs, it would be very much appreciated if you could advise the LMC if a GP is retiring from your practice. Please e-mail Jane at [westpenninelmc@btconnect.com](mailto:westpenninelmc@btconnect.com)

### **Guidance on website**

We have recently added the BMA's guidance on Decisions about clinically-assisted nutrition and hydration for patients who lack capacity. We have also uploaded guidance on reporting deaths and the NHS long-term plan for your reference.

### **YOUR LMC**

Please do remember we are here! We are YOUR LMC and if you or your practice are feeling at all vulnerable, or just in need of some friendly advice, please do get in touch. We have officers from both the Oldham and Tameside & Glossop areas, and you are welcome to seek advice from any of our officers. If we don't have the answer, we'll always strive to find it for you! We have close links to the BMA, are fortunate to have a GPC rep on our committee and can call on the expertise and experience of LMC colleagues in Greater Manchester and across the country.