

## **West Pennine Local Medical Committee**

Supporting and representing GPs in Oldham and Tameside & Glossop

### **May 2021 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC**



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Alan Dow, Secretary



Dr Andrew Vance, Vice Chair

### **LMC meeting – May 11th, 2021**

The committee met on the evening of May 11<sup>th</sup> via Microsoft Teams. We were delighted that Kay Keane from the Institute of General Practice Management was able to join the meeting as Guest Speaker. Kay explained how she and three other Practice Manager colleagues have set up IGPM in an effort to support Practice Managers and recognise the essential role they play in General Practice. She shared that a formal qualification for Practice Managers is being developed. [IGPM – Institute of General Practice Management](#)

In his capacity as GM GPC representative, Dr Alan Dow had attended the BMA-LMC conference earlier in the day. Dr Amir Hannan had also attended as a representative of West Pennine LMC and they shared a summary of the conference and the issues being discussed at a national level. The committee went on to discuss the ICP contract, direct reimbursement to practices in Oldham and Tameside & Glossop, Spirometry and QOF, and letter requests from Tameside Live Action. There was also a discussion around patient demand and system capacity and the ongoing inappropriate transfer of work from secondary care to General Practice.

### **LMC Vice Chair**

We are delighted to announce that Dr Andrew Vance has been appointed as the new LMC Vice Chair. We have no doubt that Dr Vance will hit the ground running and will do all he can to support and represent GPs in the West Pennine area. As an Oldham based GP, Dr Vance will be regularly liaising with Oldham CCG and if you have any issues you'd like him to raise, please do get in touch via the LMC office. [westpenninelmc@btconnect.com](mailto:westpenninelmc@btconnect.com)

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### **Oldham Practice Manager Representative**

We are pleased to announce that we have also appointed two Oldham Practice Manager representatives. Dee Radcliffe, PM at Failsworth Group Practice and Andrea Morrison, PM at Littletown Practice are going to do a job share going forward.

### **Ashton Locality GP representative vacancy**

If you feel you could be the voice of GP colleagues in the Ashton locality, please do 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](mailto:westpenninelmc@btconnect.com)

### **Save the date! – White paper/ ICS update meeting – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2021**

The Association of GM LMCs is delighted to host a virtual briefing session on the recently published health and social care white paper, for all GPs across Greater Manchester. Dr Krishna Kasaraneni, GPC Executive and members of the BMA policy team will be talking you through the developing Integrated Care System from the General Practice perspective. After registering your interest via Eventbrite (link to follow later in the week) you will receive an MS Teams link to take part. Places are limited to 350 due to tech limitations.

### **COVID 19 guidance**

Tameside & Glossop CCG have published version 25 of their Covid 19 guidance. Please find the attached document. The only change this month is the addition of the guidance on when prescribing inhaled budesonide, which might be appropriate for patients for helping to resolve COVID Sx (within 14 days of onset). It is the lilac box in the centre.

### **Advice on death reporting**

The GM Corners recently published updated guidance on death reporting in relation to Coronavirus Act 2020, which we have attached. We have also attached the Notification of Death guidance 2019 and the guidance from the Royal College of Pathologists on death reporting which you may find useful.

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### **Direct reimbursement to GP Practices**

Dr Alan Dow, LMC Secretary, recently met with Richard Maddocks, Community Health Partnerships Property Finance Manager for the Oldham Area, to discuss direct payments to GP practices going forward. The LMC generally support this approach and feel it would be beneficial for GP practices, removing the time involved in managing the current bureaucracy. Direct payments have the backing of DHSC and NHSE. Anyone wishing to implement this is advised to first discuss the process with one of the LMC officers and consider the extent of their existing arrangement/ contract with NHSPS/ CHS.

### **LMC walk**

As we have been unable to hold an AGM this year, we would like to invite you to join us for a walk with the West Pennine Local Medical Committee. This will be your opportunity to raise any issues in person with the LMC officers and GM GPC representative, or just enjoy being in the great outdoors. The walk will take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am in the hills of Greenfield, Saddleworth. Please do let us know if you will be able to join us. [westpenninelmc@btconnect.com](mailto:westpenninelmc@btconnect.com)

### **DPO Update**



Jane Hill, GP Practice Data Protection Officer

### **Proposal by GMSS to access GP Practices in Oldham using smart cards**

Andrea Hughes, Oldham CCG IG Manager, flagged this proposal at last week's Oldham PM forum and she has requested that you contact her to let her know that you, as data controller, are happy with the arrangement [andreaughes3@nhs.net](mailto:andreaughes3@nhs.net)

Andrea and I have reviewed the associated DPIA, and we are satisfied that the proposal meets all relevant Data Protection and Information Governance requirements.

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## **NHS Digital GP Practice data Collection for planning and Research**

NHS Digital has been directed to collect, process, analyse and disseminate general practice data to support the purposes set out in the [GP Data for Planning and Research Direction 2021](#).

You may have already received an email from EMIS/ TPP, requesting that you activate the data sharing agreement for the NHS Digital Data collection for Planning and Research.

Patients have a right to opt out of their data being shared by registering a [Type 1 Opt-out](#) or a [National Data Opt-out](#), or both. It is likely that the majority of patients are unaware of NHS Digital's initiative and I therefore advise you to contact your patients, perhaps via an AccuRx or Mjog text message, to highlight their options and reassure them that opting out using either option will not affect the individual care received from their GP practice. The data collection is due to start on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021, so patients would need to opt out by 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021.

## **Data Sharing Agreements on Information Sharing Gateway**

There are some data sharing initiatives on the ISG, which are still awaiting data controller sign off. It would be much appreciated if you could check the ISG, and please do let me know if you have any queries.

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 meets 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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### **My Way Diabetes - update**

Further to last month's update, I have ongoing concerns about the My Way Diabetes data sharing agreement, particularly around the proposed EMIS bulk upload. The project team's justification for extracting data for all diabetics is that they need to populate the "My Way clinical platform", which is to be used by clinicians and GPs. I pointed out that most GPs would prefer all clinical information to be contained in their clinical system and it's unlikely that a separate app would be utilised. The proposed initiative is now being looked at by Dr Tracy Vell and Guy Lucci from the GM NHS Innovation team and I advise you not to engage with the My Way Diabetes project until further notice.

### **NHS Data Security & Protection Toolkit – deadline 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

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

### **Staff Training videos (in folder)**

The Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership have developed two very good videos, one explaining The Duty of Confidentiality and the other looking at Developing Good data applications. You may find them a useful tool for staff training; the links are here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQl2IFjZ0rk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGTbplrWJGg>

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