



West Pennine

Local Medical Committee

Representing and supporting GPs in
Glossop, Oldham & Tameside

May 2025 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Alan Dow, Secretary/
GM GPC Representative



Dr Andrew Vance, Vice Chair



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

LMC meeting – Tuesday 13th May 2025

The committee met on Tuesday 13th May at 7pm via Teams. The increasing use of AI (Artificial Intelligence) solutions in General Practice was discussed, with members acknowledging that while some of the products can help make admin tasks more efficient and less time consuming, there is also a potentially huge clinical risk to consider. Dr David Wrigley & Dr Mark Coley - the Digital Leads for the BMA's GP Committee have recently shared the attached guidance, while they are busy working up a more comprehensive guidance document. Whilst the AI landscape is rapidly evolving, our advice would be to hang fire.

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GP Collective Action across the West Pennine footprint was also discussed. As you will be aware, GPC England's national dispute with Government is now over, following the acceptance of the 2025/26 contract agreement. However, the importance of local Collective Action to resolve ongoing commissioning gaps and inappropriate workload transfer continues.

On behalf of the GP Practices in Oldham, on May 1st, 2025, your LMC wrote to the GM ICB Oldham Locality leads, giving them 21 days to confirm whether the suggested actions (listed on the attached document) would risk any breach of local or national contractual requirements. The Oldham ICB Leads have responded and have not identified any potential breaches and we are confident that no contractual requirements would be breached by rejecting inappropriate workload transfer. Going forward, we will now write to Oldham's secondary care providers, giving them a 3-month notice period and advising them of the changes to be implemented. We will of course keep you posted with an updated timeline, etc. A similar approach to GP Collective Action has already been successfully adopted in the neighbouring Rochdale & Bury localities and is underway in Tameside and for Glossop Practices. The rejection of inappropriate workload transfer will allow the opportunity to focus solely on delivering the core GP contract, enabling practices to deliver quality and safe patient care.

To help both practices and providers prioritise the steps we take, if you haven't already done so, please complete the following CONFIDENTIAL poll:
<https://forms.office.com/e/Ct5KtXxX1K>

On behalf of the GP practices in Glossop & Tameside – the LMC & the Tameside GP Alliance wrote to secondary care providers, giving them a 3-month notice period and advising them that from July 1st, 2025, practices will cease undertaking certain uncommissioned and inappropriate tasks that have shifted from secondary to primary care. This aligns with similar actions across Greater Manchester and reflects ongoing concerns raised in the Primary-Secondary Care Interface Group, where no effective resolution has been reached. The primary objective is to ensure clinical responsibilities are appropriately allocated, enhancing patient care and safety.

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Newly appointed West Pennine LMC Vice Chair



We are delighted to announce that West Pennine LMC has a newly appointed Vice Chair, Dr Mark Wilshire. Dr Wilshire is a GP Partner at Quayside Medical Practice in Failsworth, and he brings lots of experience, enthusiasm and drive to the West Pennine LMC.

We are extremely grateful to Dr Andrew Vance for all his hard work and efforts during his time in the role.

In the period between now and June 1st, 2025, when Dr Wilshire assumes the role, there will be a transitional period as we make the necessary organisational changes.

ICB survey

It is a great time of 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>

Responding well to conflict – Training for front-line staff

You may be interested in joining an online training course, which has been developed by GPs and Practice Managers for non-clinical colleagues working on the front line in primary care. The course is being hosted by the GM GP Excellence team and GP Practice team members can register using the following links:

Date	Time	Registration
Monday 2 June 2025	2.00 to 4.30pm	Click here to book your place
Thursday 25 September 2025	2.00 to 4.30pm	Click here to book your place

Monday 27 November 2025	2.00 to 4.30pm	Click here to book your place
Thursday 12 February 2026	2.00 to 4.30pm	Click here to book your place

Responding well to conflict - Supporting your team (For Managers)

In addition to the opportunity above, these webinars will explore effective ways to support your staff when they face conflict in the workplace, including instances of abuse from patients.

It will also cover the contractual obligations and practical steps involved in managing abusive or violent patients.

Delivered by experienced trainer and practice manager Luan Stewart, this session is specifically designed for managers working in general practice.

Dates/times

Date	Time	Registration
Wednesday 11 June 2025	2.00 to 3.30pm	Click here to book your place
Thursday 2 October 2025	2.00 to 3.30pm	Click here to book your place
Further dates for 25/26 to follow		

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Data Protection Office Update

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 this data processing. I will certainly be keeping an eye on developments, as the GMCR continues to evolve at pace.

Sullivan review – process change for re-assigning gender and sex identity in medical records

An independent review published by Professor Alice Sullivan that looked at data, statistics and research on sex and gender has identified a serious safeguarding risk in the current process of re-assigning gender and sex identity in medical records for children and young people. All healthcare professionals should be aware that in response to the review, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care has directed that the process for changing NHS numbers and gender markers for children and young people under 18 is stopped with immediate effect.

ROPA – Register of Processing Activities

GDPR Article 30 dictates that all Data Controllers should have an up to date R.O.P.A. (Register of Processing Activities). If you need any support with your ROPA, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am happy to come out to your practice to support you with this piece of work if required. Jane.hilldpo@nhs.net

If you require any further information, or you have any Data Protection queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at Jane.hilldpo@nhs.net