

West Pennine Local Medical Committee

November 2019 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Alan Dow, Secretary

West Pennine AGM video

Thank you to all of you who attended this week's AGM. Dr Krishna Kasaraneni, GPC Executive, delivered an excellent insight into PCNs and I'm sure you'll agree it was a very informative and uplifting meeting. You can watch a video of the meeting by opening the following link to the West Pennine LMC website:

<http://westpenninelmc.org.uk/page1.aspx?p=15&t=6>

GP of Note awards

As part of the AGM we were delighted to present Dr Peter Wright and Dr Alan Dow with awards recognising their outstanding contributions to General Practice. Congratulations Dr Wright and Dr Dow!

BMA Meds supply update

The BMA have recently shared a Medicines supply update. Please find the attached documents for further information.

Safeguarding information

The LMC's Practice Nurse Representative, Nurse Laura Burton has flagged the following safeguarding information:

A Euthanasia campaigner nicknamed Dr Death is selling 'do-it-yourself' suicide kits online. Dr Philip Nitschke, who wants assisted suicide legalised, disguises the £257 kits as equipment for home-brewing beer.

Jackie Hanson, Director of Nursing for the North West has requested that this information is shared with frontline health professionals.

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NWAS - dedicated phone line for health professionals

NWAS have recently shared a bulletin for health care professionals. It can be viewed using the following link:

<https://www.nwas.nhs.uk/news/healthcare-professional-requests-for-ambulance-transport/>

CAMERON FUND CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Please find attached details of the Cameron Fund Christmas appeal. The LMC is supportive of the work of the Cameron Fund, as well as other charities, including The Claire Ward Fund and The Sick Doctors Trust. Further information about these organisations can be found on our website:

<http://www.westpenninelmc.org.uk/page1.aspx?p=17&t=1>

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

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 sue.gilks1@nhs.net

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DPO News



Jane Hill, Data Protection Officer

Practice Manager Forums/ DPO contact

I recently came to the T&G PM forum to give a DPO update and I hope to attend this meeting on a regular basis. I will be at the Oldham PM meeting on Wednesday 18th December and look forward to seeing some of you there. If you feel your practice would benefit from an individual DPO visit, please do get in touch.

EMIS to use Amazon data warehousing services

As many of you will already know, and as discussed at the T&G PM forum, EMIS has now started using the Amazon data warehouse for storing data, which will be kept in the UK. We contacted the Information Commissioners' Office to ask them whether they felt patients should be informed of this development. The ICO advised us that that as Data Controllers, you are not obliged to advise patients directly, but best practice would be to include this information in your privacy notice.

Health Intelligence Diabetic Retinopathy Screening service

There has been an ongoing discussion with Health Intelligence about the data extraction for the diabetic retinopathy screening service. It has now been agreed that it is not appropriate to use MIQUEST to extract data from your clinical system and Health Intelligence have confirmed that they will now be using GP2DRS, a programme which is already embedded into your clinical system. The GM Health & Social Care Partnership, the commissioners of this service, should be writing to you in due course to explain this.

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DPO News Cont'd

Access to the records of Deceased Patients

Recently I have dealt with several queries about access to the health records of deceased patients. The data controller for deceased patients is NHS England and therefore if, for example, a relative wants to access the health records of a deceased patient, they should be advised to contact PCSE on 0333 014 2884 or at pcse.accessrequests@nhs.net

However, as I'm sure you're aware, it can take some time to access records via PCSE and the DPO function certainly doesn't want to obstruct the work of official bodies, such as the safeguarding team. If the Safeguarding team wanted to access the electronic record of a deceased patient which you will still hold, for example for a safeguarding review, I would advise you to give them access to the electronic record. This should of course be on the understanding that the Safeguarding Team provide the GP practice with adequate justification and a clear written request for this.

If you require any further information about any of the above, or any other data protection issues, please do not hesitate to contact me at westpenninelmc@btconnect.com, or mobile 07951 530 417.