

West Pennine Local Medical Committee

October 2019 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Alan Dow, Secretary

Drugs Shortage advice

The BMA recently shared an update on Drugs supply issues. Please find the attached document for further information.

New Oldham Generalist Representative

We are delighted to announce that Dr Fareeha Saeed will be joining the West Pennine Local Medical Committee as the new Oldham Generalist representative. Dr Saeed is a GP at Failsworth Group Practice and brings lots of experience, enthusiasm and optimism to the table.

PCSE survey

We are well aware that there are currently many issues with PCSE. The BMA have been addressing these on behalf of the LMC. In order to assess the extent of the problems, could you please take one minute to complete the attached, very short survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PCSEpracticesurvey>

West Pennine LMC AGM

You are invited to the West Pennine LMC AGM, which is set to take place on Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 7.30pm at the Village Hotel, Ashton-Under-Lyne. We are delighted to announce that Dr Krishna Kasaraneni, GPC Executive, will be our Guest Speaker, speaking about Primary Care Networks. Please find the attached agenda for further information.

It would be much appreciated if you could confirm your attendance at this event by emailing Sue at sue.gilks1@nhs.net

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GP of Note Awards

As in previous years, as part of our AGM, we will be recognising the work of GPs who have made an outstanding contribution to General Practice. There will be an award for a GP from the Oldham area and one from Tameside & Glossop. If you would like to nominate a GP colleague, please do so by emailing Jane at westpenninelmc@btconnect.com

Practice Managers' "Masterclass"- Thursday 7th November 2019

The PM Masterclass hosted by West Pennine LMC is set to take place on the afternoon Thursday 7th November 2019 at 12.30pm at Smokies Hotel, Ashton Road, OL8 3HX. Please find the attached agenda for further details. Thank you to all of you have reserved your place. If you haven't already done so, please confirm your attendance ASAP by e-mailing Sue at sue.gilks1@nhs.net

West Pennine Locum WhatsApp group

In order to assist practices with the demand for locums, West Pennine LMC has set up a Locum WhatsApp group for GPs and Practice Managers. Practice Leads can post brief details of any locum requirements i.e. location, approximate length of position, etc and an NHS.net email address for interested locum GPs to contact for further details.

If you'd like to join this group, please email your mobile phone number to westpenninelmc@btconnect.com and we will send you a link to join the group. Obviously, you can choose to leave the group at any time if you find it doesn't suit your needs.

We are also in the process of setting up a WhatsApp group for Locum Practice Nurses. Watch this space for further details!

Please see the following link if you require further information about the App.
<https://www.whatsapp.com/>

Article written by LMC Chair, Dr Amir Hannan

An interview with Dr Amir Hanan was recently published in the Health Service Journal. Please do read the article entitled "[What about the patient?](#)"

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

Data Breaches

Since taking on the role of Data Protection Officer for the GP Practices in the West Pennine area, I have dealt with several data breaches. Please can I remind you that any data breach should be recorded on the practice's data breach register. I have attached a template which you may wish to use if you don't already have one in place. If there is a data breach, ALL parties should be advised and of course measures should be put in place to avoid it happening again.

The supervisory authority, the Information Commissioners' Office, should be advised within 72 hours of the breach, although not all breaches need reporting to the ICO. GDPR article 33 states:

In the case of a personal data breach, the controller shall without undue delay and, where feasible, not later than 72 hours after having become aware of it, notify the personal data breach to the supervisory authority competent in accordance with [Article 55](#), unless the personal data breach is unlikely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of natural persons. Where the notification to the supervisory authority is not made within 72 hours, it shall be accompanied by reasons for the delay.

If in doubt, please don't hesitate to contact me on my mobile 07951 530 417 or email westpenninelmc@btconnect.com