

West Pennine Local Medical Committee

September 2019 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Alan Dow, Secretary



Dr Zuber Ahmed, Vice Chair

Oldham Generalist Representative vacancy

Due to retirement, West Pennine Local Medical Committee has a vacancy for an Oldham Generalist Representative. We welcome nominations from any GP (salaried, partner or locum) who has a substantive work commitment in the Oldham area. Nominees would require a proposer and a seconder, and I have attached the relevant form and supporting information about the roles & responsibilities of LMC reps. The deadline for nomination is **Friday 27th September 2019**. If there is more than one nominee, an election will be held. We look forward to hearing from you.

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.

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

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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 who have reserved your place. If you haven't already done so, please confirm your attendance ASAP by e-mailing Jane at westpenninelmc@btconnect.com

Dr Alan's Dow, West Pennine LMC Secretary's article in Pulse

The following article by Dr Alan Dow highlighting GP workforce issues was recently published in Pulse.

<http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/views/letters/supporting-gps-nhs-england-have-a-funny-way-of-showing-it/20039283.article>

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 westpenninelmc@btconnect.com

If you require any more information about the above or any other Primary Care issues, please do not hesitate to contact us via westpenninelmc@btconnect.com

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West Pennine DPO News

As communicated via email recently, Dr Fitton has stepped down from his role as DPO. He has been invited to take part in a two-year taskforce with the European Federation of Laboratory Medicine on "Disruptive Technology and Patient Engagement". We wish him well with his next challenge and are grateful for all the work he has done in setting up the West Pennine DPO function.

We are delighted to announce that Jane Hill has now taken on the role of Data Protection Officer for the GP practices in the West Pennine area. Jane Hill has developed Data Protection and GDPR expertise, having been an integral member of the DPO team since the implementation of GDPR in May 2018. She has successfully completed a DPA 2018 course and a 4-day GDPR exam course and has over 14 years' experience of working in NHS Primary Care. Jane is part of a wider DPO network and will be attending relevant meetings and forums, including the GM Information Governance Group.

You can contact Jane Hill, Data Protection Officer on mobile 07951 530 417 or email westpenninelmc@btconnect.com



Jane Hill, Data Protection Officer

Oldham Shares

In my role as DPO, I attended last week's Oldham CCG meeting where the Oldham Shares scheme was introduced by Dr Shelley Grumbridge. She explained that the Communications campaign is about to be launched, giving patients the opportunity to understand how their data will be processed by their practice. I have requested that I get to see the DSA (data Sharing Agreement) ASAP and I, along with other DPO colleagues, will be scrutinising this agreement in great depth. If we have any concerns, we will of course flag them as a matter of urgency.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on mobile 07951 530 417 or email westpenninelmc@btconnect.com