

## **February update from the LMC**

### **DEVO GM**

Dr Tracey Vell who has been seconded to the DEVO GM Transformation Team as a GP representative spoke at our monthly LMC meeting last night. Dr Vell spoke at length about the most recent developments in the DEVO GM process. The direction of change appears to be towards Local Care Organisations (LCOs). She assured us that while new contracts will be offered later in the year, there will be the right to return to GMS/ PMS contracts if GPs feel their existing/ original contracts are preferable. As an LMC, we will continue to keep abreast of developments and we will of course keep you informed as DEVO GM gathers pace.

Thank you to those GPs who attended as observers at last night's meeting. It was good to see new faces around the table.

### **BMA Special Conference -**

"To decide what actions are needed to ensure GPs can deliver a safe and sustainable service".

Representatives from West Pennine LMC attended this Special Conference on Saturday January 30th to address what is now seen as a crisis in General Practice. Please see the attached report from Dr Peter Wright, West Pennine LMC Chair. Chaand Nagpaul, BMA Chair made a very impassioned speech about the future of the GP profession. This speech and other information from the conference can be viewed on our website: [www.westpenninelmc.org.uk](http://www.westpenninelmc.org.uk)

### **GP Survival Facebook page**

For those who are interested in following up many of the issues that were debated at the conference, there is an online Facebook forum 'GP Survival'. You will be asked for your GMC number and place of work in order to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GPSurvival/>

### **BMA Zika guidance**

The BMA's guidance on the Zika virus can be viewed on our website: [www.westpenninelmc.org.uk](http://www.westpenninelmc.org.uk)

### **AGM - Wednesday 11th May 2016**

If you haven't already done so, please put the West Pennine LMC AGM in your diary. It will be held on **Wednesday 11th May 2016** at 6.45pm at the Village Hotel, Ashton-Under-Lyne. It is the perfect opportunity to meet with peers and colleagues from primary and secondary care. Invitation and agenda to follow.

If you have any queries about the above or any other issues relating to primary care, please do not hesitate to contact us via e-mail or at the LMC office.

Kind regards

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