

## **West Pennine Local Medical Committee**

### **April 2017 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC**



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Zuber Ahmed, Vice Chair

### **GP Resilience Programme Board meeting - Thursday 27th April 2017**

Dr Zuber Ahmed, West Pennine LMC Vice Chair will be representing the GPs in the West Pennine area at the GP Resilience Programme Board meeting on Thursday 27th April 2017. So that Dr Ahmed can give an accurate picture of how many practices feel they are vulnerable and could urgently use some extra support, we ask you to confidentially e-mail us with your concerns. [westpenninelmc@btconnect.com](mailto:westpenninelmc@btconnect.com)

### **AGM - Wednesday 10th May 2017**

Please find the attached invitation to our forthcoming AGM. We are delighted that Tista Chakravarty-Gannon, GMC Principal Regional Liaison Adviser is able to join us as our Guest Speaker; she is a brilliant speaker and is very knowledgeable about the issues currently affecting all GPs. We hope you are able to join us for what is set to be an entertaining and informative evening. It would be much appreciated if you could confirm your attendance via e-mail [westpenninelmc@btconnect.com](mailto:westpenninelmc@btconnect.com) by Friday 28th April.

### **NHS Property Services - Heads of Terms**

We are aware that NHS Property Services issued their heads of terms to practices on 31st March 2017. We would like to remind practices that as sitting tenants, you have rights and are in very strong position to negotiate the terms issued to you. The template is not mandatory and it is up to each practice to make sure the terms are agreeable to them and

their situation. Please do not sign anything that you are not happy with. Please find the attached letter from the BMA's Policy Directorate for further information on this.

### **LPC-LMC joint working group meeting - Tuesday 23rd May 2017**

West Pennine LMC will be meeting with the Local Pharmaceutical Committee again on Tuesday 23rd May 2017. If you have any issues relating to pharmaceutical matters/ prescribing, please let us know and we will share them at this meeting.

### **Financial support for doctors**

The main medical charities have got together to produce a new website portal that will help doctors in difficulties to find the most suitable charity to apply to. BMA Charities has worked with the Cameron Fund, the RMBF, the Royal Medical Foundation, and the Society for the Assistance of Medical Families (formerly Widows & Orphans) and the portal has now gone live.

Doctors, or their dependents, and medical students, can answer a very short questionnaire to find the best charity to help them. They can then link to that charity for more information about eligibility and application. And there is also information about other organisations that can offer help.

The website address is:

<https://www.doctorshelp.org.uk/>

### **Guidance on website**

We have recently added the BMA's IR35 guidance to employing locums, as well as the GPC's 'Life In The Day Of A GP' and the web link mentioned above. Please visit our website [www.westpennine.org.uk](http://www.westpennine.org.uk) for these and other guidance and useful documents.

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](mailto:westpenninelmc@btconnect.com)