

West Pennine Local Medical Committee

December 2018 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Peter Wright, Secretary



Dr Zuber Ahmed, Vice Chair

YOUR LMC

Please do remember we are here! We are YOUR LMC and if you or your practice are feeling at all vulnerable, or just in need some friendly advice, please do get in touch. We have officers from both the Oldham and Tameside & Glossop areas and you are welcome to seek advice from any of our officers. If we don't have the answer, we'll always strive to find it for you! We have close links to the BMA, are fortunate to have a GPC rep on our committee and are able to call on the expertise and experience of LMC colleagues in Greater Manchester and across the country.

Registrar representative required

We would like to appoint GP registrars to join us – one from the Oldham and Tameside & Glossop schemes to ensure their voices are heard too. Please get in touch before 10th January if you are interested. Feel free to contact Dr Hannan directly if you would like to know more.

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Practice Nurse representatives

The LMC is also looking to recruit a Practice Nurse representative from Oldham and a representative from Tameside & Glossop. It would involve attending a monthly evening meeting in Oldham and being the voice of Practice Nurses in the West Pennine area. It would be much appreciated if you could bring this to the attention of your Practice Nurse; if they are interested could they please e-mail westpenninelmc@btconnect.com

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

A message from the Chair



A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everybody. As the year comes to a close, I would like to thank each and every one of you working tirelessly to keep the lights on in the NHS and General Practice in particular.

It has been a very tough year with many highs and lows. General Practice is the bedrock of the NHS – if it fails, the whole NHS fails. The recent England LMC conference showed a very unanimous support from grassroots GPs across the country, coming together with common issues that we are all facing. But as the year draws to a close, we are still here, still fighting for what we think is right, still changing how we do things, learning, working with others, sharing and responding to an ever-changing world. We have a fantastic team of GPs and practice managers from both Oldham and Tameside & Glossop, ably supported by Dr Zuber Ahmed Vice Chair, Dr Peter Wright Secretary and Jane Hill our Liaison Officer, to call upon whenever there are issues and whom you can contact for any challenges you face individually or collectively. Sometimes just having a friendly, confidential ear is what is needed.

Dr Richard Fitton has been appointed by the LMC to offer his services as the Data Protection Officer for individual GP practices providing advice and support as we understand what GDPR means for us and our patients too. It's a big piece of work and we are at the start of this journey together.

On behalf of West Pennine Local Medical Committee, I would like to thank you all for your hard work and commitment. Your support and dedication to the cause has been much appreciated. Together we are stronger and can face up to whatever comes our way. I look forward to working with each and every one of you, your staff and those we serve as the new year dawns.

Thank you.

Dr Amir Hannan