

## West Pennine Local Medical Committee

### June 2017 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Zuber Ahmed, Vice Chair

### NHS Property Services - Heads of Terms

For practices in NHS PS premises or Community Health Partnerships properties, please can we urge you NOT TO SIGN any lease agreements unless you are 100% comfortable with them.

I have attached a questionnaire which has been circulated by the BMA. The BMA are aware of the destabilising effect the issue of service charges is causing to many practices and through the questionnaire they are looking for information from practices on the issues. It would be much appreciated if you could fill out the attached questionnaire and return it by 23rd June 2017.

### BMA/LMC conference



West Pennine LMC members:

Chair Dr Amir Hannan, Hon Sec Dr Peter Wright, Dr Naveed Riyaz and Dr Alan Dow

Members of the West Pennine LMC recently attended the BMA/GPC annual conference of LMCs in Edinburgh. [ChaandNagpaul's](#) speech was excellent and [Zoe Norris](#) gave a very

impassioned speech about the importance of sessional GPs. Alan McDevitt, Chair GPC Scotland, also delivered an inspiring speech.

### **Working At Scale/ New models of Care**

As part of the conference, Dr Amir Hannan attended a workshop on working at scale which he found very useful. I have attached a summary of this workshop which may help you understand some of the proposed new models of care.

### **Practice Manager Development fund**

Funding has been made available for Practice Manager development, as part of the GP Forward View scheme. The funding is from the GM Manchester Health & Social Care partnership and has been paid to West Pennine LMC, giving us the responsibility of delivering appropriate development and support to Practice Managers in the West Pennine area. We are keen to use the money as effectively as possible and are currently engaging with Practice Managers to achieve this.

### **New LMC GP Registrar Representative**

We are delighted to welcome Dr Eleanore Lyons to the committee. She will be representing GP registrars in the West Pennine area. If any of the registrars you have been working with have any issues they'd like to raise with the LMC, please do encourage them to get in touch with Eleanor via [westpenninelmc@btconnect.com](mailto:westpenninelmc@btconnect.com)

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

Thank you to those who attended our AGM last month.

Tista Chakravarty-Gannon, GMC Principal Regional Liaison Adviser, delivered a wonderfully inspiring keynote speech. If you weren't able to join us on the evening, you can view the video on our [website](#) as well as click through her slides.

As part of the evening, we were delighted to present GP of Note awards to Dr Julian Procter, Dr Alan Nye and Dr Hugh Sturgess. It was acknowledged that these three GPs have made an outstanding contribution to General Practice in the West Pennine area.

CONGRATULATIONS!

### **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/>

### **New Guidance on website**

We have recently added the BMA's guidance for GP tenants including the up-to-date Tenancy Charges handbook to our website [www.westpenninelm.org.uk](http://www.westpenninelm.org.uk)

### **Recruitment advertising on website**

If you are recruiting staff, we are happy to advertise GP and Practice Manager positions on our website [www.westpennine.org.uk](http://www.westpennine.org.uk). Please send adverts with a closing date to [westpenninelm@btconnect.com](mailto:westpenninelm@btconnect.com)

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