

West Pennine Local Medical Committee

March 2018 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Peter Wright, Secretary



Bawa Gaba and Clinical Leadership

The following statement and an excerpt of the discussion with Dr Krishna Kasaraneni, GPC England Executive team member on the 2018-19 GP contract can be found on the LMC website [here](#).

Statement by West Pennine Local Medical Committee

The treatment of our colleague Dr Bawa-Garba is a pivotal moment in the history of our medical profession. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the two families at the centre of this tragedy - the Adcock and the Bawa-Garba families.

The penalties handed down to Dr Bawa-Garba - conviction for manslaughter, and being struck off by the GMC - send a powerful message to all doctors and other clinicians in the UK. We learn that a doctor can become a scapegoat for system failure in the NHS. We learn that when we make a mistake we will be judged against impossibly perfect standards.

This message comes at a time of crisis in the NHS when medical and other staff are working in overstretched and often unsupported conditions.

We stand in support of our colleague Dr Bawa-Garba in inviting LMCs across the UK to make a united statement. We call on the clinical leaders of our medical profession to stand up together and to publicly denounce the handling of this case and to make a clear statement on what we stand for together.

Thank you to Dr Eleanor Lyons, the Officers of West Pennine LMC and the Committee members for expressing our thoughts which we hope represent the wiser views of GP practices locally.

Self -reflection in Appraisals advice

In light of the Bawa Garba case, you may find the following [advice](#) on writing self-reflections useful.

BMA's 2018-19 Contract Update

Please find a link to the talk by Dr Krishna Karasaneni, GPC England Executive team member and discussions on the BMA's 2018-19 contract update [here](#)

HOLD THE DATE:

West Pennine LMC AGM

You are invited to the West Pennine LMC AGM on **Tuesday 15th May 2018** at 7.30pm at the Village Hotel, Ashton-Under-Lyne, OL7 0PG. We are absolutely delighted to announce that **Dr Zoe Norris, GPC UK - Chair, Sessional Subcommittee** will be joining us as Guest Speaker.

Zoe will be speaking about Resilience in General Practice; she is a brilliant, inspirational speaker and the AGM is set to be a great night out.

Invitation and agenda to follow.

GP of Note nominations

As in previous years, as part of the AGM we will be presenting a 'GP of Note' award to a GP who has delivered outstanding work to General Practice. There will be an award for a GP from the Oldham area and one from the Tameside & Glossop area. If you wish to nominate a GP, please e-mail Jane at westpenninelmc@btconnect.com **by Friday 6th April 2018.**

LMC Election/ new committee member

It has been unnecessary to hold an election for new LMC members. We are delighted to announce that Dr Ashwin Ramachandra from the Market Street Practice in Droylsden will be joining the committee as a Generalist representative from April 1st 2018. We are also pleased to announce that all existing Generalist members have chosen to serve another term with the West Pennine LMC.

There are still vacancies in both areas for additional late nominations, should you be interested.

Hospital Statement of Intent

West Pennine LMC are working with the Pennine Acute Hospital's End of Life Care Committee to introduce a hospital Statement of Intent to cover the immediate post discharge period until End of Life patients can be seen by a doctor from their own GP practice.

LMC - LPC joint working group meeting - Tuesday 20th March 2018

The LMC will be meeting the Local Pharmaceutical Committee next week for their regular joint working meeting. If you have any issues relating to pharmacy which you would like us to raise at this meeting, please contact the LMC office via westpenninelmc@btconnect.com

GDPR guidance

I have reattached the BMA guidance on GDPR, which was published last week. The guidance can also be found on our website www.westpennine.org.uk

There are currently discussions at a local and national level about who would be the most appropriate person to take the Data Protection Officer Role, required by the new General Data Protection Regulations to be introduced on May 25th 2018. It has been suggested that it may be appropriate for practices to share a Data Protection Officer and we will advise you of the conclusion of this ongoing discussion ASAP.

GDPR training - Wednesday March 21st

The GM GP Excellence team are also running a one day GDPR course on **March 21st** at the AJ Bell stadium in Manchester. Please see the attached for further information and how to book.

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