

West Pennine Local Medical Committee

November 2017 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Zuber Ahmed, Vice Chair

Practice Nurse representative

Practice nurses are a vital part of the General Practice workforce, delivering much of the chronic disease management as well as immunisations, minor ailments and in some cases education, training, triaging and even Group Consultations. We know there are big challenges faced by General Practice nurses. NHS England has responded with a 10 point plan which hopes to alleviate some of these problems. We are keen to understand better some of the issues around recruitment and retention and how to support nurses returning to practice. There are various plans in place to raise the profile of practice nurses, to enable them to develop new skills and abilities and provide extra support for this very valued group.

West Pennine LMC is looking for a Practice Nurse representative from the Tameside and Glossop area and from the Oldham area. Practice nurses, like Practice Managers, are a critical part of General Practice. Please could you ask your practice nurses if they are interested? Please ask them to contact Dr Amir Hannan, West Pennine LMC Chair if they would like a chat.

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General Practice Nurse and Health Care Practitioner of the Year Nominations

GM Health & Social Care Partnership are to hold an award ceremony to recognise the fantastic work carried out by Practice Nurses and Health Care Practitioners in General Practice. I have attached the nomination form for Practice Nurses and for Health Care Practitioners. Please do take the time to nominate the brilliant staff from your practice. Nominations are to be sent to Waseem.khan2@nhs.net by midday on Friday 24th November.

Practice Manager Development fund - UPDATE

There are limited places left on the Pension update training course on Wednesday 20th December, 9.30-12.30 at Stalybridge Civic Centre, Stalybridge, SK15 2BN. There are also two places available on the GDPR training course to be held on Thursday January 25th, 1.15-4.15pm at Stalybridge Civic Centre, Stalybridge, SK15 2BN.

Places can be booked by e-mailing Jane at westpenninelmc@btconnect.com and will be allocated on a first come - first serve basis. Once the courses are full, we will start a waiting list, with a view to delivering more courses if there is enough demand.

Tameside & Glossop Practice Manager Representative

We are delighted that Leon Xavier, Practice Manager at the Market Street Medical Practice in Droylsden, has recently joined the committee as the Tameside & Glossop Practice Manager representative.

Claire Wand Fund for further education

The Claire Wand Fund is a charitable fund that makes grants to GP to fund further education and for the provision of scholarships, including travelling scholarships. www.clairewandfund.org.uk

Please see the attached document for more information.

RCGP appraisal and revalidation survey

The RCGP has launched its new revalidation survey for 2017 aimed at establishing how GPs feel about appraisal and revalidation now and what the College can do to support them in the future.

The RCGP is hoping to hear from as many GPs as possible and would be grateful if you would take the time to complete the survey. It can be accessed [here](#).

Health Education England/ Athens Access for GPs

Steve Glover, Head of Library services at Manchester University, has advised us that GPs and practice staff are able to access health journals and databases by registering for an Athens account. Please see the attached document for instructions on how to create an account.