

West Pennine Local Medical Committee

September 2018 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



Dr Amir Hannan, Chair



Dr Peter Wright, Secretary



Dr Zuber Ahmed, Vice Chair

Message from Dr Hannan, Chair of West Pennine LMC

I hope you've enjoyed a very well-deserved break over the summer.

We are well aware of how challenging working as a GP in 2018 is and we thank you for your dedication and commitment in such challenging times.

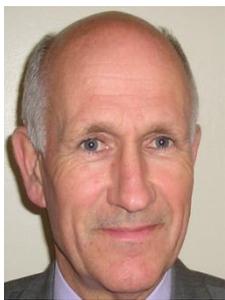
Much of the discussions over the summer recess have been around the role of the DPO and how practices can ensure they remain GDPR compliant. We are very fortunate to employ Dr Richard Fitton who now has a team to support the ongoing work. He is looking at a range of Data Sharing Agreements within Tameside & Glossop CCG and Oldham CCG on behalf of member practices.

There have also been questions raised about deaths and what needs to be reported to the Coroner. We hope to set up an educational meeting with the coroner to give members an opportunity to ask further questions too.

As the need for more data sharing occurs, it is clear that we will need to ensure patients and the public continue to trust GP practices with their data and ensure it is shared responsibly. Professor Sir Chris Ham, Chief Executive of the Kings Fund recently sat in surgery with Dr Hannan and then met with patients and staff from local practices and further afield to find out more about how practices are doing this and [Using technology to build a partnership of trust with patients](#). It is worth reminding ourselves about the guidance produced around [COPD rescue packs](#) and what practices could do as winter approaches too. Whilst LMC confirmed it is not our role to show how to do this, we will of course continue to inform members about developments around this and work with practices and others, to enable safe quality care where technology has an increasing role within General Practice at the heart of changes.

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West Pennine Data Protection Office team



Dr Richard Fitton, West Pennine Data Protection Officer

As you know, Dr Fitton has now started his role as Data Protection Officer for the West Pennine LMC levy paying practices. While the LMC are delighted to facilitate the employment of Dr Fitton, please do see him as YOUR practice's DPO.

Dr Fitton's contact details can be found on our website [here](#).

Please do advise all your practice staff of their Data Protection Officer's contact details. It is a GDPR requirement that all staff know who their DPO is and how to contact him should they need to.

Dr Fitton has been sending regular GDPR/ DPO newsletters and copies of these can be found on the GDPR section of our website. www.westpenninelmc.org.uk

Dr Fitton is now supported by Sue Gilks, DPO administration support assistant. Sue can be contacted at westpenninedpo@btconnect.com. Dr Fitton will be visiting each practice over the next few months to assist you with achieving GDPR compliance and Sue will be in touch to arrange a mutually convenient meeting time in due course.

Jane Hill, West Pennine LMC Liaison Officer will be taking on the role of Deputy Data Protection Officer.

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

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