

## September 2015

### Update from West Pennine LMC:

- **Fit For Work**

As of 22nd July 2015, all GPs across England and Wales can refer their employed patients for a free and independent occupational health assessment if they have been, or are likely to be, off work for four weeks or more due to illness. Please visit the 'FIT FOR WORK' website for more information. [Fit for Work](#)

- **Occupational Health services for staff**

We have recently been advised that occupational health services for practices in the North West are run out of Salford Royal. Please find the attached documents outlining the services covered and how to access these services.

- **GP Surveyors**

If you have any lease queries, we can recommend the services of the Sheffield based company [www.gpsurveyors.co.uk](http://www.gpsurveyors.co.uk). Nikki Keeley specialises in primary care property leases and can be contacted on 0114 235 5394.

- **LMC Buyer's Group**

Membership of the LMC Buyer's Group entitles you to discounts on products and services provided by the Buying Group's suppliers: [www.lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk/suppliers](http://www.lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk/suppliers) **Membership is free** and there is no obligation on practices to use any of the suppliers. However practices can save thousands of pounds a year by switching to Buying Group suppliers.

If you would like to join the Buying Group then please email your contact details to [info@lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk](mailto:info@lmcbuyinggroups.co.uk)

- **CQC Training Event**

The feedback from yesterday's CQC training event has been very positive. Please visit our website to view the trainer's slides [www.westpenninelmc.org.uk](http://www.westpenninelmc.org.uk) If you were unable to attend and would like to attend a session later in the year, please let me know. If there's enough demand, the LMC would be happy to host another event.

- **LMC Survey**

Watch out for the LMC survey which will be landing in your inbox soon! It will only take 2 minutes to complete and it would be much appreciated if you would do so to help us improve the services we provide.