



April 2025 UPDATE FROM YOUR LMC



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LMC meeting – 8th April 2025

The committee met on Tuesday 8th April at 7pm via Teams. Warren Heppolette – NHS GM Chief Officer for Strategy, Innovation & Population Health, Laura Rooney – NHS Innovation Director of Strategy and Jenny Spiers – NHS Innovation Head of Information Governance attended the meeting to give an update on the GM Care Record and the changes to the suite of supporting Information Governance documents. Their input was very valuable, and they listened to and took on board committee members' concerns about the need for further patient engagement. Jane Hill - GP practice appointed Data Protection Officer, flagged the importance of Data Subjects/ patients knowing their options for opting out of the shared care record should they wish to do so.

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The committee went on to discuss Collective Action in Glossop, Oldham & Tameside. On behalf of the practices in Tameside & Glossop, West Pennine LMC and Tameside GP Alliance have recently sent a joint letter to secondary care providers instructing them that, from July 1st, 2025, they will no longer be carrying out uncommissioned/ unfunded work passed on from secondary care providers. We have attached a copy of the letter in case you wish to refer to it.

In Oldham, Dr Mark Wilshire - West Pennine LMC representative recently hosted a meeting about the need for similar action in Oldham and communications regarding the outputs from that meeting will be sent out forthwith.

Pushback to Inappropriate workload transfer template letters

You may wish to edit/ use the following template letters to reject inappropriate secondary care provider workload transfer to your practice: [Pushing back on inappropriate workload \(bma.org.uk\)](https://bma.org.uk/pushing-back-on-inappropriate-workload-transfer-template-letters)

GP Contract webinars

The BMA's GP Committee England Officer team are hosting a series of GP contract webinars to discuss the detail of what has changed in the GP Contract and funding for 2025/26. After the presentation there will be time for questions and answers. Webinars will be held on the following dates & times:

- Wednesday 23 April 19:00-21:00 Register [here](#)
- Thursday 24 April 12:30- 14:30 Register [here](#)

Read more about the contract changes and webinars here: [GP contract 2025/26 changes](#)

LMC Buyers' Group

Plexus has recently started managing the LMC Buyers' Group and continues to offer discounts on products and services provided by the Buying Group's suppliers. Membership is free and there is no obligation on practices to use all the suppliers. However, practices can save thousands of pounds a year just by switching to Buying Group suppliers. To view the pricing and discounts on offer you need to register for access to the Buying Group's online portal: <https://buying.plexusportal.co.uk/Register>.

We have attached further information for you to review should you wish to.

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Recruitment adverts

We have recently added several GP recruitment adverts to the West Pennine LMC website: www.westpenninelmc.org.uk

Please contact Jane at westpennine.lmc@nhs.net if you wish to advertise a position at your practice.

Data Protection Office Update

Use of Artificial Intelligence products in General Practice

You may have seen the attached letter, which was recently sent out by Michael Whitehouse - GM ICB's Chief Digital Information Officer, advising practices against adopting AI products until further review has taken place. Use of AI in General Practice needs to comply with both Data Protection legislation AND DCB0129 and DCB0160 (Clinical risk management standards). On receipt of the letter, I contacted Dr Mark Coley -GPC England Policy Lead for Digital, IT & Data. Mark agrees that further review of the available products is required, and he pointed out that compliance with DCB0160 requires a nominated clinical safety officer. It may therefore be prudent to wait for this work to be done centrally - I have been advised that NHS England are currently carrying out the relevant work at a national level.

Sullivan review – process change for re-assigning gender and sex identity in medical records

An independent review published by Professor Alice Sullivan that looked at data, statistics and research on sex and gender has identified a serious safeguarding risk in the current process of re-assigning gender and sex identity in medical records for children and young people. All healthcare professionals should be aware that in response to the review, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care has directed that the process for changing NHS numbers and gender markers for children and young people under 18 is stopped with immediate effect.

ROPA – Register of Processing Activities

GDPR Article 30 dictates that all Data Controllers should have an up to date R.O.P.A. (Register of Processing Activities). If you need any support with your ROPA, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am happy to come out to your practice to support you with this piece of work if required. Jane.hilldpo@nhs.net