

West Pennine Local Medical Committee

December 2016 update from your LMC

A message from the Chair



A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everybody. As the year comes to a close, I would like to thank each and every one of you working tirelessly to keep the lights on in the NHS and General Practice in particular.

It has been a very tough year with many highs and lows. General Practice is the bedrock of the NHS – if it fails, the whole NHS fails. But as the year draws to a close, we are still here, still fighting for what we think is right, still changing how we do things, learning, working with others, sharing and responding to an ever-changing world. We have a fantastic team of GPs and practice managers from both Oldham and Tameside & Glossop, ably supported by Dr Zuber Ahmed Vice Chair, Dr Peter Wright Secretary and Jane Hill our Liaison Officer, to call upon whenever there are issues and whom you can contact for any challenges you face individually or collectively. Sometimes just having a friendly, confidential ear is what is needed.

On behalf of West Pennine Local Medical Committee, I would like to thank you all for your hard work and commitment. Your support and dedication to the cause has been much appreciated. Together we are stronger and can face up to whatever comes our way. I look forward to working with each and every one of you, your staff and those we serve as the new year dawns.

Thank you.

Dr Amir Hannan

Greater Manchester-Wide Primary Care meeting - Tuesday 21st February 2017

We are delighted to invite you to a GM-wide meeting on **Tuesday 21st February 2017** at 7.30pm at the Village Hotel, Ashton-Under-Lyne, OL7 0PG. Please find your invitation (attached) for further information.

The aim of the meeting is to enable GPs and Practice Managers to get up-to-date with the changes and developments in Primary Care in Greater Manchester, as well as enabling you to better understand the CQC process.

Guest speakers at this event will include Jon Rouse, Chief Officer of the Greater Manchester Health And Social Care Partnership and Alison Holbourn, CQC Deputy Chief Inspector for the North.

Please do join us for what is set to be an invaluable learning opportunity.

(Attendance certificates available on request for CPD points).

Read Code Training

There is ONE place still available on the read code training session which will take place on **Thursday 19th January 2017** in the Boardroom at Ellen House, Waddington Street, Oldham OL9 6EE and ONE place still available on **Wednesday 8th February 2017**, 1.00pm - 4.00pm in the meeting room at Thornley House Medical Centre, Thornley Street, Hyde, Cheshire, SK14 1JY

If you would like to reserve one of these places, please contact Jane on westpenninelmc@btconnect.com ASAP.

Guidance on website

We have recently added the up-to-date guidance on Firearms and the guidance on List Management to the guidance section of our website www.westpenninelmc.org.uk

May we also remind you about the attached BMA's 'Quality First GP Practice Guidance', which can also be found on the website. This fantastic document includes letter templates for managing ever-increasing workloads; the templates can be found on page 32.

*Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year from all
at West Pennine LMC!!!*