

# Quotes from Dr Peter Williams, Chairman of Derbyshire LMC

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100 Years of Derbyshire LMC celebratory dinner held on the 1st November 2013 at Hassop Hall, Derbyshire.

The NHS does not evolve at all; it goes around in circles, some long, some short, but rarely novel.

***Brian Hands 2001/2 chairman's report***

Another year; another change.

Perhaps my title makes me sound weary. Well, yes I am. No sooner do we get structures in place and learn how they work than they change.

***John Grenville 2001/2***

I am amazed by the variety of matters discussed as look back through the minutes of the LMC's of the past year. Some items seemed to take a major part of the agendas and yet when they have passed seem to have made hardly any ripples.

He discussed NHS walk in centres, the millennium, NHS Direct....

genuine consultation, piloting and assessment counts for little if the politicians want something to happen.

***Brian Hands chairman's report 2000***

During the year under review few, if any, of our difficulties seemed to improve. Morale amongst GP's continued to fall. The review body did not accept that our pay had fallen to an all-time low. No wonder that recruitment to practice is falling, and so many experienced colleagues are quitting in disillusionment at the earliest opportunity.

***Peter Enoch chairman's report 1996/7***

GP's seem to be under more stress than ever before. ... many of my colleagues feel unacceptably stressed by at least some aspects of their work. Many identify multiple stressors and some are on the brink of total failure to cope.

***John Grenville 1993***

We live in an increasingly litigious and consumer oriented society.

***John Grenville 1987/8***

At the present time I believe that computers will come to play an increasing role in primary medicine care.

***A G Eley 1981***

Once again on the 1st April the NHS is faced with a shake-up. I cannot understand why politicians feel that 1st April is a propitious day for the health service. At times it feels it is appropriate, but propitious, I'm not sure.

***GI Benson 1981***

At the present time it is difficult to write this report with any degree of optimism. The NHS seems to be crumbling around us mainly due to a lack of finance but also to some extent due to top heavy administration.

***J Williams chairman's report 1979***

I was struck by the fact that few people, either lay, or administrative, at region, area, or even district knew what an LMC was.

***AP Tait 1975***

As far as the hospital service is concerned we are particularly anxious about the future of cottage hospitals, virtually all of which are threatened with extinction in the long term.

***J Williams Secretary's report 1970***

The undoubted attack by the government on our profession must not blind us to the reality of what we do. If you are ill, vulnerable or old, the last thing you need is a demoralised resentful doctor. The sick still need doctors and for the most part, outside the disgruntled and chattering classes of London, respect and are grateful for good quality general practice. Doctors are still very necessary to the delivery of the best primary care in the world. Derbyshire LMC believes in the quality of Derbyshire GP's and continues to represent that position in all dealings with outside agencies.

***Sean King 2006/7 chairman's report***

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