



Kent Local Medical Committee

Supporting list based personalised care, the partnership model and meaningful collaboration

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Highlights from the Sessional Sub-Committee Meeting June 2019

Drs John Burke, Catherine Gardiner, Awadh Jha, Mark Speller, Kevin Tan and Sarah Westerbeek. joined Dr Mike Parks at the recent Sessional GP Sub-Committee.

Sessional GP Conference 15th May 2019: Feedback

All agreed it went well and was useful. There was a lack of VTS attendees despite the LMC emailing all the directors. It was noted there were some clashes with other events that day. The number of attendees was disappointing. A discussion took place about the content and its relevance to attendees as there is a mix of VTS and experienced sessional GPs. It was agreed that next time it would be useful to have a session on performance issues and how they are dealt with and to try to get a mix of topics that apply to the various levels of experience.

A discussion took place about whether it should remain an annual event or be bi-annual. It was agreed it should remain annual.

Non-medical Primary Care clinicians - what does the future hold for sessional GPs (in-hours and out-of-hours)?

Concerns were raised that the new types of non-medical prescribers (e.g. Clinical Pharmacists, Paramedic Practitioners) entering the workforce are registered but not regulated and that they could provide a threat to sessional GPs in the future and possible risks to patient safety. There are particular concerns about locums who may find themselves in a position where they are expected to supervise someone they have never met before with no knowledge of their skills or experience.

Indemnity

A discussion took place about sessionals/locums being asked to reduce rates following the introduction of CNSGP and the role of the LMC. The LMC office would advise salaried GPs to check their contracts and the BMA will provide support in negotiations for members.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 12th September 2019.

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