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### GPC UK meeting

GPC UK held its meeting on Thursday 14 September. At that meeting GPC UK:

- Received an update from policy leads and GPC England executive
- Discussed the results and next steps regarding the survey of GP practices in England on collective list closure
- Received updates from each of the devolved nation chairs
- Discussed the latest issues regarding indemnity
- Discussed the development of the online GP market
- Received an update from the sessionals subcommittee regarding pensions and capita
- Clarified since the publication of their survey results that this sounded a clear warning signal that the government could not ignore about the need to urgently address the incredible pressures bearing down on general practice. GPC noted that it is shocking that a single practice should be put in the position of having to consider asking NHS England to either temporarily or permanently close its patient list because it does not have the resources or staff to deliver safe care to patients. GPC also reflected on the fact that the decision by seven practices in Folkestone, alongside a growing number of others around the country, to apply for list closures demonstrates how real this problem is
- Confirmed that it will use the survey to lobby the government for urgent action to address the crisis facing the profession ahead of the LMC England conference in November

**The next meeting of GPC England will take place on Thursday 16 November 2017 and the next GPC UK will take place on Thursday 15 March 2018.**

## Negotiation skills training for LMCs – England only

The negotiation skills training courses for LMCs, provided by the BMA member relations team, and funded by the GPDF, have now started.

This is a one-day course on how to develop negotiating skills to become an effective and successful negotiator. The aim of the course is to enable understanding of different types of negotiating principles, identifying the different phases of negotiation, recognising the habits of success, understanding the importance of preparation as well as recognising ways to handle breakdowns.

These events are free to attend for all LMC members (including lunch and refreshments), paid for by the GPDF, although travel expenses will not be covered by GPDF. The expected course times are 9.30 registration, 10.00 am start with a 16.00 finish time.

Each event will take a maximum of 30 delegates on a first come first serve basis. **Please email [info.lmcqueries@bma.org.uk](mailto:info.lmcqueries@bma.org.uk) as soon as possible to express your interest to attend, and whether you have any special needs / dietary requirements.** It would be helpful if you note the location/venue in the title of your email.

The date and venues are as follows:

### Area A – North and North East

12 October	<b>Nottingham</b>	Gateley, Park View House, 58 The Ropewalk, Nottingham NG1 5DD
18 October	<b>Lincolnshire</b>	Forest Pines Hotel, Ermine St, Broughton, Brigg DN20 0AQ
27 October	<b>Wakefield</b>	Normanton Golf Club, Aberford Rd, Stanley, Wakefield WF3 4JP
9 November	<b>Wakefield</b>	Normanton Golf Club, Aberford Rd, Stanley, Wakefield WF3 4JP

### Area B – North West and West

27 September	<b>Manchester</b>	Gateley, Ship Canal House, 98 King St, Manchester M2 4WU
5 October	<b>Liverpool</b>	Liverpool Medical Institute, 14 Mount Pleasant, Liverpool L3 5SR
10 October	<b>Derby</b>	University of Derby Enterprise Centre, DE1 3LA
16 October	<b>Durham</b>	Radisson Blu, Franklan Lane DH1 3BW
17 October	<b>Preston</b>	Lancashire Care Trust, Sceptre Way, Walton Summit, Preston PR5 6AW

### Area C – South and South West

3 October	<b>Bristol</b>	Engineers House, Bristol BS8 3NB
4 October	<b>Bournemouth</b>	Bournemouth Hallmark East Cliff Hotel BH1 3AN
11 October	<b>Plymouth</b>	Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre, Northwood lane, Buckfastleigh

### Area D – South and Central

2 October	<b>Essex</b>	Holiday Inn, Basildon SS14 3DG
3 October	<b>Suffolk</b>	Holiday Inn, Ipswich London Road, Ipswich, Suffolk
11 October	<b>London</b>	BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP
24 October	<b>Kent</b>	Kent Holiday Inn, London Road, Sevenoaks, TN15 7RS
23 November	<b>Birmingham</b>	Gateley, 111 Edmund street, Birmingham B3 2HJ

## New chair and deputy chair of the GP trainees subcommittee

Tom Micklewright, a GP trainee in Merseyside, has been elected chair of the GP trainees subcommittee and Dan Djemal, a GP trainee in the Thames Valley has been elected as deputy chair. To contact the GP trainee subcommittee, please email: [gptrainees@bma.org.uk](mailto:gptrainees@bma.org.uk)

## Funding General Practice in England

This week we have published our analysis of the [funding of general practice in England](#). You may recall that in 2016 [the BMA called for 11% of the NHS budget in England](#) to be invested in general practice, to tackle the growing crisis in primary care caused by nearly a decade of underinvestment by successive governments. A little over one year on, we are reviewing the outlook for general practice funding in England between now and 2020/21, and considering whether planned investment over the coming four years as part of the General Practice Forward View (GPFV) is likely to meet our 11% target.

Sadly, our analysis shows that even if the GPFV funding is delivered in full, investment in general practice is likely to fall significantly short of that 11% target. We will publish further analysis of the financial outlook for general practice once new GP investment statistics are published by NHS Digital later in September.

## **GP Earnings & Expenses**

This week we have also published an analysis of GP Earnings and Expenses Report 2015/16. We hope that some of the information presented in our analysis will be of help to you with national and local press stories arising from these figures. The BMA's press office will be happy to help LMCs with local press work where necessary. Although this briefing has not been produced with the intention of wide circulation, you may wish to share all or part of the resource with local GPs where this seems appropriate. Please find the report attached as **appendix 2**

## **Frailty Contractual Guidance on Batch-coding**

Please see attached, NHS England's statement following discussions around batch-coding in the context of the contract changes on frailty that came into effect this year (**appendix 1**)

## **Sessional GPs e-newsletter - UK**

The latest edition of the sessional GPs e-newsletter is available online. There is a message from Zoe Norris about the list closure ballot, information about mental health support for GPs and a blog about different ways of working as a locum. Please find a [link](#) to this month's edition of the Sessionals newsletter, which this month focuses on priorities for the coming year.

## **International GP Recruitment Programme (England)**

The expansion of the [GP International Recruitment Programme Implementation Plan](#) was published on 22nd August. NHS England is working with partner organisations, including the BMA GP Committee, to scale up targeted international recruitment to a total of 2,000 overseas doctors over the next three years. It is anticipated that new recruits will begin working in England early in the New Year. LMCs, including Lincolnshire and Essex, have been pioneers in developing this programme through the initial pilot. NHS England has now invited bids from recruitment agencies and these are expected to be evaluated in the first two weeks of October.

Work is also ongoing around visa arrangements for EEA (European Economic Area) and non-EEA GPs between NHS England, Health Education England, the Department of Health and the Home Office. There is now widespread support across all programme stakeholders for the inclusion of General Practitioners on the MAC (Migration Advisory Committee) SOL (Shortage Occupation List). This would enable international GPs to obtain working visas without being subject to the standard RLMT (Resident Labour Market Test). All stakeholders, including the BMA, will be making a submission to the MAC requesting that GPs are added to the SOL as soon as possible.

NHS England is also exploring all possible options around making themselves the single sponsor for all international doctors holding Tier 2 visas, including IMGs (international medical graduates) that have completed GP training in the UK and are ready to work in General Practice.

Further updates will be provided to LMCs as programme implementation progresses.

## **Guide for Overseas Doctors (UK)**

Led by the RCGP (Royal College of GPs), partner organisations including the BMA have been working together to produce a new guide for international GPs and doctors from the UK that have trained abroad who are considering moving to the UK to live and work in NHS General Practice. The guide contains information on life in the four UK nations, the cost of living, housing, education, childcare, opening a bank account etc, as well as details about the NHS, becoming an NHS GP, types of GP role, salary / pay and the various routes you can take to become an NHS GP.

It is intended to be an online resources, which will be located on the RCGP website and updated periodically to ensure it remains current. The guide will be launched at the RCGP Annual Primary Care Conference, which is taking place from 12-14 October.

## Dates for your diary

Please note the dates of forthcoming events:

LMC Secretaries Conference – 19 October 2017 (London)  
LMC Conference – England – 10 November 2017 (London)  
LMC Conference – UK – 9 March 2018 (Liverpool)

More information about these events will be sent out in due course.

### GP workforce conference – 24 November 2017 (England)

The BMA will be hosting a GP workforce conference later this year, giving LMC representatives the opportunity to share their experiences, both positive and negative, of initiatives that have been launched since 2015. The purpose is to bring regional knowledge to a national forum to further inform the national programme of improvements. This will give GPC, NHS England, HEE and other key stakeholders the opportunity to hear how things are progressing across England and gather feedback and ideas on how to make further improvements to reducing GP workload and increasing practice staff numbers and expertise.

## LMC access to the BMA website - UK

It has been drawn to our attention that some LMCs may be having difficulty accessing the BMA website. All LMCs do have access, but need to use the login details registered for submitting conference motions. This may, however, be an individual's email address, registered to input conference motions only.

If you wish to create an office account, using the office email address as part of your login and a password that everyone can use, or if you are unsure of your current login details and password, please email Karen Day at [kday@bma.org.uk](mailto:kday@bma.org.uk) and she will email you your relevant information.

## LMC observers at GPC meetings - UK

LMC observers are welcome to attend GPC UK meetings. If your LMC would be interested in sending an observer, please contact Kathryn Reece ([kreece@bma.org.uk](mailto:kreece@bma.org.uk)). A maximum of three LMC observers may attend any one meeting.

The dates for the 2017/18 session for GPC UK meetings are below. Meetings will commence at 10:00am and will usually finish at 5:00pm (never later than 6:00pm). Meetings are held at BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP.

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Please note that all travel and other expenses for LMC observers should be met by the relevant LMC.

## LMCs – change of details - UK

If there are any changes to LMC personnel, addresses and other contact details, please can you email Karen Day with the changes at [kday@bma.org.uk](mailto:kday@bma.org.uk).

**GPC England next meets on 16 November 2017. LMCs are invited to submit items for discussion. You may like to review these, beforehand, with the representatives in your area who serve on the GPC. The closing date for items for the GPC England meeting is 6 November 2017. It would be helpful if items could be emailed to Kathryn Reece at [kreece@bma.org.uk](mailto:kreece@bma.org.uk). You may also like to use the GPC's listservers to exchange views and ideas.**

**GPC News**

LMCs are reminded that their regional representatives can provide more detailed information about the issues covered in GPC News, and other matters. Other members of the GPC would also be pleased to accept invitations to LMC meetings wherever possible. The secretariat can also provide a written background brief if required, but it would be helpful to have such requests well in advance of your meetings.

Finally, if LMCs require assistance on local issues, they can also contact the BMA's local offices. Their details are available on the BMA website.

This newsletter has been sent to:

Secretaries of LMCs and LMC offices  
Members of the GPC  
Members of the GP trainees subcommittee  
Members of the sessional GPs subcommittee