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GPC England meeting

GPC England held its meeting on Thursday 15 November. The following issues were discussed at the meeting:

- Contract negotiations
- Received: Future ways of working: BMA response to the consultation on ICP providers
- Received: GPC Working Better Together final report

This meeting was chaired by the speaker of GPC England, Dr Fay Wilson.

An oral report was received from the chair of GPC England, Dr Richard Vautrey on work that had taken place since the committee last met. This included attendance at both party conference, progress on the partnership model review, discussion with the health secretary, Matt Hancock MP, and emerging issues surrounding flu vaccinations. The committee was also informed of the latest developments on the contract negotiations which remain ongoing.

One of the bigger items was the BMA’s response to NHS England’s consultation on ICPs – you can read the BMA’s response [here](#).

In the afternoon, the committee split into its 9 policy groups to discuss various areas of work.

The next meeting of GPC England will take place on Thursday 17 January 2019 and the next GPC UK will take place on Thursday 21 March 2019.

Capita – Cervical Cancer Screening Error - England

Last week it was announced by NHS England that Capita had failed to contact up to 48,500 women regarding cervical cancer screening due to a system error. You can read Richard Vautrey’s response to the news [here](#), which includes a summary of the letter sent to Simon Stevens calling for NHS England to strip Capita of the contract and take Primary Care Support England (PCSE) services back in-house.



GPC England Executive and GPC policy leads confidential update

Please see the attached (appendix 1) which is an update that summarises developments since the last meeting of GPC. These updates are produced on behalf of the GPC Executive and the GPC Policy Leads.

Sessional GPs e-newsletter - UK

This month's edition brings you the updates on the winter indemnity scheme, pensions and annualisations. Matt Mayer, sessional GP exec, has written [a blog](#) on the winter indemnity scheme 2018-19 which will guide you through how to access it. Krishan Aggarwal, deputy chair of the GP Sessional subcommittee, [explains what annualisation is and what to do if you have been affected by it](#).

Lastly, it took just under 400 days for sessional GP member, Mark Coley, to receive a response to a SAR he submitted to PCSE for copies of his pensions, and to have a typing error corrected.

Clinical academic trainees conference - UK

Registration is now open for the Clinical Academic Trainees Conference on Saturday 2 February 2019 here at BMA House. The conference is organised by and for clinical academic trainees and will provide a national forum in which to network, learn how to make the most of your academic training and develop your career.

Highlights of the day include:

- Keynote address from Professor Lucy Chappell of King's College London, considering the complexities of clinical academic career progression.
- Keynote presentation from Dr Amara Nwosu, reflecting on his career as an academic trainee and the challenges he has overcome.
- Opportunities to personalise the programme to meet your needs with a choice of workshops focussing on different career opportunities and challenges.

To find out more about the day and register please visit the webpage <https://www.bma.org.uk/events/2019/february/clinical-academic-trainees-conference>

Conference of Medical Academic Representatives - UK

The annual conference of medical academic representatives will this year take place on Friday 29 March. To register your interest in attending please contact our conference unit at confunit@bma.org.uk.

The Annual BMA Expert Witness Conference - UK

The Annual BMA Expert Witness Conference is being held on **8 March 2019** at BMA House. It is a one-day **conference**, for all levels of experience, covering the essentials of working competently as an **expert witness**. 'Registered interest can please be sent to confunit@bma.org.uk'.

Private practice committee conference - UK

Next year's private practice committee annual conference will take place on Friday 5 April 2019 at BMA House, London. The conference is aimed at doctors who are thinking about setting up in private practice and established practitioners who could benefit from some practical advice. To register your interest email confunit@bma.org.uk.

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 and she will email you your relevant information.

LMC observers at GPC meetings - UK

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

The date for the 2018/19 session for GPC meetings are below. Meetings will commence at 10:00am and will usually finish at 5:00pm (never later than 6:00pm).

GPC England	Thursday 17 January 2019	BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP
GPC UK	Thursday 21 March	Northern Ireland – To be Confirmed
GPC England	Thursday 18 July 2019	BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP

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

Dates for your diary

A reminder of the forthcoming dates for LMC conferences as per our email of 28 June:

LMC England conference – Friday 23 November at the Mermaid, London.

LMC Secretaries conference – Friday 14 December at BMA House, and

LMC UK conference – the afternoon of Tuesday 19 and a full day on Wednesday 20 March in Belfast at [Belfast Waterfront](#), 2 Lanyon Place, Belfast BT1 3WH

Exact start and finish times and more details will follow in due course.

Deadlines for submitting conference motions

LMC Conference, UK – Midday 8 January 2019

More details including how to submit your conference motions will be sent out in due course.

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.

GPC UK next meets on 21 March 2019, GPC England next meets on 17 January 2019. 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. It would be helpful if items could be emailed to Kathryn Reece at 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