

The LMC Committee meeting was held on Thursday 14th. This news worthy event was our first virtual committee meeting. I did miss the friendly atmosphere of Taunton Racecourse and hope one day soon we can return to seeing colleagues in person.

I formally appointed Dr Tim Horlock as my Vice-Chair. Tim is a GP Partner at East Quay Medical Centre Bridgwater, a long-standing committee member and our Bridgwater representative. Dr Nick Bray was also voted in as our Retired GP representative and both have been playing a vital role presenting your views on the numerous meetings being held as the system responds to the CV-19 pandemic for which I am eternally grateful.

We were joined by Dr Mark Sandford-Wood Deputy Chair of the GP Committee of the BMA who briefed us on some of the ongoing discussions taking place at a national level.

Unsurprisingly our agenda focused on issues to date and thoughts on how we deliver services safely and responsibly in the future. Learning points were raised including the rapid adaptation to remote working and resources available to support this and the difficulties being encountered. Practice resilience and pastoral care were discussed as more of us are in need of support. The successful adaptation by the SGPET team of online learning resources was noted and plans are being considered to hold small group sessions when this is possible. Once again please visit our website if you have not done so already to find out more.

We will be sharing our views with the CCG and will be issuing a formal statement to you shortly.

Stay well all.

Karen