

8<sup>th</sup> May 2018

All LMC Members

**SOUTHWEST REGIONAL LMCs MEETING HELD AT TAUNTON RACECOURSE ON THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2018 – NOTES TAKEN BY DR. HODGES, SUPPLEMENTED BY LAY SECRETARY FROM HIS NOTES**

GPDF Update (Dr Dougie Moederle-Lumb via Skype)

- Negotiations ongoing with BMA to resolve past 'issues' subject to confidentiality agreement.
- Status of GPC and who pays (i.e. the BMA in future)
- Researching future roles and responsibilities for GPDF
- No desire to increase levy from current 6p level, but this to be used for benefit for LMCs. *We asked him that the timings for mutual budget setting be dovetailed – he asked for us to send him our concerns.*
- Conferences are VERY valued and no desire to 'water down'.
- ALL LMCs now 'in good standing', although one or two small issues with some LMCs to be resolved. Confident that there is 100% 'sign up'.
- DM-L will stand down as a director in November but stand for re-election, in order to seek renewed mandate.
- Re late Levy requests – concerns directly to DM-L ahead of website portal for queries being set up.
- Discussion re Meldrum Review finding and how that bears out on the future of the GPDF i.e. the establishment of GPDF as a 'service company' with clear role and accountability. Possibly more decentralisation of funding to regions.

South West Cancer Alliance (Dr Amelia Randle email)

- Request to present to the SW LMC meeting.
- Potentially NEW WORK so caution needed.

GPFV

- Wessex have been awarded £300,000 via Robert Varnham for practice manager support and training.
- Devon – Transformation funding been released to practices with caveats for assisting CCG agenda with improved Access.

Workforce and Recruitment (LWABs)

- Somerset – LMC sitting on LWAB
- Wessex – No direct involvement in LWAB. Multiple workforce groups. Isle of Wight currently 'imploding' from GP point of view with GP + Nurse vacancies >10%. 11 practices.
- Avon – Does have LWAB
- Devon has 2 x LWAB groups both local and regional.
- *Difficulties of moving from the Welsh to the English performers lists.*
- *Need to discuss dovetailing of Physicians Associates training with Deborah Lee.*

CEPNs

- Wessex have met with Karen Storey (NHS England lead for primary care nursing) – Possible pots of money available.

- Devon – 6-7 retiring GPs have been put on the retainer scheme, but educational supervision is required so not appropriate as pre-retirement retention scheme.

*LMC Conferences. Agreed that motions should be submitted to the English Agenda Committee who might then refer on to the UK Conference, without asking LMCs to provide new motions lists just before the Christmas break.*

Developing a Regional LMC Model – (See Document)-

*GDPR. The BMA has commissioned lawyers to develop a guidance pack for LMCs and practices – no clue as to when it will be ready. And the Data Protection Bill has not yet been enacted, nor has there been any cases heard.*

*GP Support. A continuing level of work. Noted that in the Republic of Ireland the average is 1.2 GP appointments a year per patient; in Northern Ireland it is 7 a year. The difference? Charging.*

*LMC Secretaries' Conference. Dr Corcoran has to plan this too, and would appreciate ideas from LMCs.*

GPC Matters (Mark Sandford Wood)

- Gender Dysphoria prescribing guidance is in new GPC newsletter.
- [Jeremy Hunt has instigated a 6-month review of the partnership model and how to support it (led by Nigel Watson) **Not for public disclosure**]
- State-backed Indemnity Scheme: Definition of what's being covered for NHS work i.e. working with Hospital Specialists in community to be ironed out but progress being made rapidly. Money MAY be withdrawn from global sum as a result, but good arguments being made against.
- Minimum sessions per year to remain revalidated set at 40 (below that requires appraisal 'reflection'). Currently different ROs set different thresholds.
- Shotgun License
- LOCUMS CAN NOW HAVE NHS.NET EMAIL ADDRESSES. LMCs Urged to canvass locums and encourage applications.
- Collaborative fees.
- JUNE is the DDRB deadline for any uplift above the 1% already announced to be declared. BMA has asked for RPI + 2% (6% in total). Unlikely to get that much...

NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY 23rd AUGUST at TAUNTON