

Derby & Derbyshire Local Medical Committee Meeting Summary

Date: 7th August 2025

Time: 1-2PM

Venue: Online via Teams

Items Discussed

DCHS District Nursing Contract

Feedback from practices highlighted both positive relationships with district nursing teams and concerns about delays in service delivery, issues with contract management, and gaps in commissioning such as B12 injections and ECGs. A working group will be established to review the feedback and identify priority areas for improvement in collaboration with the GP Provider Board and DCHS.

PLO & Team Update

The Practice Liaison Officer report was received, with a focus on GP Connect guidance. Clarification is being sought on what constitutes acceptable patient access between 8:00 and 18:30. Concerns were also raised about subcontracting arrangements and funding uncertainties. Updates will be shared once official guidance is available.

Medical Director Update

The Medical Director provided a finance update, confirming that last year's accounts have been received and are under review. The accountants will attend the October Directors meeting to present the accounts.

Motions – England Conference

The committee reviewed motions for the upcoming England Conference, ensuring alignment with local priorities and national policy. Members agreed to continue refining proposals to represent Derbyshire practices effectively.

AOB

The closure of sexual health referral pathways, which is causing difficulties for practices; the lack of vasectomy services and potential funding options; and concerns about penalties linked to changes in phone contracts.

Committee Expenses

The committee confirmed that expense claims should continue to follow the existing policy, with members reminded to submit claims promptly to ensure timely reimbursement.

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Hub + and GPPB

Work is progressing with the university and training hubs to strengthen the workforce pipeline for general practice and related professions. These collaborative efforts aim to provide better workforce support and align with wider conversations between the LMC and the Integrated Care Board (ICB) on clustering and future planning. The current training hub contract has been confirmed for its final year, ensuring that operations will continue through to 2026/27.

During the discussion, a question was raised about whether block booking for Hub+ Quest sessions could be introduced to make coordination easier. This will be explored further, and an update will be provided once confirmation is received.

Meeting Attendance

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| Committee Present: | Dr Merry Watkins (MW) Chair | Dr Ajay Mahajan (AM) |
| | Dr Iram Afshan (IF) | Dr Hazel McMurray (HMcM) |
| | Dr Ripon Afshan (RA) | Dr Ben Milton (BM) |
| | Dr Blessing Aziegbemi (BA) | Dr Christine Moody (CM) |
| | Dr James Betteridge-Sorby (JBS) | Dr Mitesh Patel (MP) |
| | Dr Katie Bowman (KB) | Dr Emma Pizzey (EP) |
| | Dr Sudeep Chawla (SC) | Dr Caroline Robertshaw (CR) |
| | Dr Louise Clarke (LC) | Dr Selina Sawhney (SS) |
| | Dr Simon de Sousa (SdS) | Dr Joanne Swindell (JS) |
| | Dr Lakhvinder Dhamrait (LD) | Dr Sam Thomson (ST) |
| | Dr Susan Karimi (SK) | Dr Peter Williams (PW) |
| | Dr Abigail Lucking (AL) | Dr Kate Woodier (KW) |
| | | Dr Michael Wong (MWo) |
| Attendees: | Tim Skinner (TS) | Natalie Mullings (NM) |
| Invitee: | Susie Bayley (SB) | Holly Goodrich (HG) |
| | Julie Chaplin (JC) | Simon Jones (SJ) |
| | Nelle Grey (NG) | Brodie Bagshaw (BB) |
| | Kay Smith (KS) | |
| Apologies: | Bethany Hagan (BH) | Hayley Scott (HS) |
| | Dr Weronika Tobiasiewicz (WT) | Dr Rachel Burnett (RB) |
| | Dr Ashley Dawson (AD) | Dr Noreen Jawad |
| Did Not Attend: | | |

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