

Derby & Derbyshire Local Medical Committee Meeting Summary

Date: 4 December 2025

Time: 1-2

Location: Online via Teams

Items Discussed

Committee Membership

The Committee agreed to co-opt Dr Simon de Sousa as a member, ensuring representation from practices operating outside Primary Care Networks.

PLO and Team Updates

A clearer process for collecting practice queries was agreed, ensuring queries are submitted early enough to be added to meeting agendas.

Vasectomy Service Provision

A discussion took place regarding the commissioning of vasectomy services in Derbyshire. Concerns were raised about the current annual cap and its effect on patient access. The Committee agreed to request further information and timelines from the Integrated Care Board about future commissioning arrangements.

Medical Director and Executive Update

The Committee reviewed recent national correspondence relating to general practice and discussed the importance of ensuring the local position is clearly represented. It was agreed that a detailed response would be sent to raise local concerns and to highlight the importance of national representative organisations in negotiations affecting general practice.

Any Other Business

Several practical matters were discussed, including confirmation of study leave entitlement for GP registrars during hospital placements, ongoing challenges related to nationally capped weight-management medication services, practice arrangements over the Christmas and New Year period, and clarification regarding the involvement of healthcare assistants in vaccinations based on existing guidance.

Items for Information

An update was provided on matters relating to GP practice training requirements. A query regarding Oliver McGowan training requirements will be followed up with the relevant lead, and the response will be shared with the Committee.

Meeting Attendance

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