

Derby & Derbyshire Local Medical Committee Meeting Summary

Date: 3rd July 2025

Time: 2-5PM

Venue: Santo's Higham Farm Hotel, Alfreton

Items Discussed

Welcome & Acknowledgements

The Chair opened the meeting by thanking Dr Peter Holden for his 45 years of service as he steps down following his election as BMA Treasurer. His contribution was formally recognised by the committee.

Financial Overview

The 2025/26 budget was approved. Financial reserves are maintained to safeguard against future costs.

Update from Nicki Doherty – ICB Context and Changes Ahead

Nicki Doherty, Director of Place and Partnerships at the Integrated Care Board (ICB) provided an overview of upcoming structural changes and the evolving role of partnerships.

Nicki highlighted the need for clearer communication of Derbyshire's strategic narrative and outlined opportunities for collaboration between the ICB and the LMC. During discussion, concerns were raised about increasing complexity in general practice and the risk of GP burnout as responsibilities shift without adequate support. Nicki acknowledged these risks and stressed that empowering patients to navigate services effectively will be key to success.

Unfunded Work

The committee was updated on the unfunded work. The message to Practices is to concentrate on commissioned services and avoid non-core unfunded tasks for patient safety. Six priority areas were identified for pushback:

- Compression hosiery measurement
- Doppler assessments
- Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia monitoring
- Coeliac disease monitoring
- Specialist drug monitoring (gender dysphoria)
- Physical and blood monitoring for eating disorders

Operational Updates

Progress continues on developing Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) to resolve issues at the primary-secondary care interface. Practices are encouraged to use SPOCs for concerns such as inappropriate test requests or referral issues.

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Future Planning

Motions for the November conference will be discussed during the August meeting, with submissions due by 22 August.

Practices were advised not to rush into forming new companies or collaboratives in response to the NHS 10-Year Plan until further guidance is available.

Meeting Attendance

Committee Present:	Dr Merry Watkins (MW) Chair	Dr Peter Holden (PH)
	Dr Iram Afshan (IF)	Dr Susan Karimi (SK)
	Dr Ripon Afshan (RA)	Dr Abigail Lucking (AL)
	Dr James Betteridge-Sorby (JBS)	Dr Hazel McMurray (HMcM)
	Dr Katie Bowman (KB)	Dr Ben Milton (BM)
	Dr Rachel Burnett (RB)	Dr Caroline Robertshaw (CR)
	Dr Sudeep Chawla (SC)	Dr Selina Sawhney (SS)
	Dr Louise Clarke (LC)	Dr Joanne Swindell (JS)
	Dr Ashley Dawson (AD)	Dr Sam Thomson (ST)
	Dr Simon de Sousa (SdS)	Dr Weronika Tobiasiewicz (WT)
	Dr Lakhvinder Dhamrait (LD)	
Attendees:	Bethany Hagan (BH)	Hayley Scott (HS)
	Tim Skinner (TS)	Natalie Mullings (NM)
	Karen Spibey (KS)	
Invitee:	Kerry Martin (KM)	Holly Goodrich (HG)
	Julie Chaplin (JC)	Tamsin Pasanisi (TP)
	Nicki Doherty	
Apologies:	Dr Emma Pizsey (EP)	Dr Peter Williams (PW)
	Dr Kate Woodier (KW)	Dr Michael Wong (MWo)
	Alex Beviss (AB)	
Did Not Attend:	Dr Ajay Mahajan (AM)	

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