

Derby & Derbyshire Local Medical Committee Meeting Summary

Date: 1st May 2025

Time: 2-4PM

Venue: Santo's Higham Farm, Alfreton

Items Discussed

Communications & Engagement

A presentation was planned on the Communications and Engagement Project. Although technical issues prevented the display, the committee discussed the options and provisionally agreed to proceed with **Option 2**, subject to formal approval at the next meeting. This option focuses on improving engagement with practices and streamlining communication channels.

Governance Structure

The committee acknowledged that the governance framework requires further development to ensure clarity in roles and responsibilities.

Practice Manager Representation

Following previous discussions, the committee agreed to appoint **six Practice Managers** to join the committee, aiming for balanced representation across regions. A sub-group will oversee the application process, ensuring transparency and fairness.

Vacant Committee Seats

It was agreed that remaining seats will be filled through the standard election process. The committee debated approaches to encourage participation and considered ways to support candidates who may be hesitant to stand.

Midwife Prescribing Requests to GPs

The committee discussed the issues of Community Midwives requesting GPs to prescribe. It was agreed that practices will have discretion to give notice to the trusts to stop picking up midwife prescribing. The office will produce a standard notification letter to be drafted and shared.

Operational Updates

Updates included team preparations for maternity leave cover and progress on transitioning to a new data collection system. The July meeting will focus on improving communication with practices.

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ICB Messaging Charges

The committee noted issues around charges for Acrux messaging services and agreed to review usage patterns and clarify guidance for practices.

Meeting Attendance

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| Committee Present: | Dr Merryl Watkins (MW) Chair | Dr Abigail Lucking (AL) |
| | Dr Iram Afshan (IF) | Dr Ajay Mahajan (AM) |
| | Dr Ripon Ahmed (RA) | Dr Hazel McMurray (HMcM) |
| | Dr James Betteridge-Sorby (JBS) | Dr Ben Milton (BM) |
| | Dr Katie Bowman (KB) | Dr Emma Pizsey (EP) |
| | 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) | Dr Peter Williams (PW) |
| | Dr Peter Holden (PH) | Dr Kate Woodier (KW) |
| | Dr Susan Karimi (SK) | Dr Michael Wong (MWo) |
| Attendees: | Bethany Hagan (BH) | Hayley Scott (HS) |
| Invitee: | Tamsin Pasanisi (TP) | Holly Goodrich (HG) |
| Apologies: | Susie Bayley (SB) | Julie Chaplin (JC) |
| | Kerry Martin (KM) | Alex Beviss (AB) |
| Did Not Attend: | | |

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