



What is Derby and Derbyshire Local Medical Committee?

Derby and Derbyshire Local Medical Committee ([DDLMC](#)) is an independent organisation with a statutory obligation to represent the interests of ALL Derbyshire NHS General Practitioners. We comprise of:

- A **democratically elected group of grassroots GPs** passionate about supporting the diverse interests of local GPs and surgeries.
- A **highly skilled and trusted operational team** supporting and acting on behalf of the committee and providing **rapid, responsive, relevant support** to all our practices.

What does DDLMC do?

DDLMC's independence from other organisations means it is free to act as an **honest advocate for general practice** without any conflicts of interest or political pressure. Our multiple roles include:

Representation

- [Our committee](#) representatives are taken from across the county and have a range of backgrounds and roles.
- Our committee canvases the opinions of local GPs and from this formulates a voice for general practice.
- Representation of this voice to key stakeholder such as the CCGs, the STP and NHS to drive local negotiations.
- Feed local queries and issues to the [General Practitioner Committee of the BMA](#) to influence negotiation of our national contract.

Ensuring Fair Payment for work done

- DDLMC are a trusted voice at the table discussing fair rates of payment.
- We apply pressure directly to organisations to ensure they are delivering a suitable service to GP Practices.
- We support practices in financial crisis by liaising with key organisations, CCGs and NHSE to ensure that the right decisions are made in the best interests of the practice.
- Provide access to favourable deals with suppliers through the [LMC Buying Group](#)

Supporting you

- Giving practices the tools to thrive and where necessary helping practices navigate through crises
- Mediating internal and external relationship issues
- Advice and planning for CQC visits
- Working with Key partners to support [practices educational needs](#)
- Providing a vital pastoral role for GPs and Practice Managers: supporting and signposting individuals through difficult times such as workload stress, mental health pressures and whistleblowing.



Bespoke, Trusted Advice

- A first point of call for advice and guidance for practices.
- Tailoring our advice and guidance to your specific needs.
- Keeping practices abreast of local and national issues
- Signposting to key partners for further advice when required

Responsive

- Prompt response to the high volume of queries from our practices
- Daily updates via social media: [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)
- A new, more functional [website](#)

Always evolving to meet your needs

- Always listening to feedback and adapting
- This year we have changed our structure and representation to reflect changes to general practice through 'Place'.
- Improving communication lines to meet the needs of our levy-payers including a strong social media presence.
- Creating [GP Task Force Derbyshire](#) to drive and showcase innovation

DDLMC Key Achievements in the Past 12 Months

Over the past 12 months DDLMC have continued to make a positive impact on Derbyshire practices and GP's lives:

- Electing a **new more visible committee** centred around Place
- Working with GP Federations and at scale providers to **improve the voice of general practice.**
- Re-launching the [GP Task Force Derbyshire](#) providing more support and services for practices, GPs and PMs and **supporting innovation.**
- Pushing for **strong, funded GP representation** within the STP
- **Challenging** CCG policies with resultant simplification of processes e.g. PLCV and Peer Review
- **Highlighting commissioning gaps** and demanding appropriate remuneration for practices e.g. wound care
- Using **evidence-based financial planning** to renegotiate local enhanced services
- **Holding secondary care to account** to meet their contractual responsibilities.
- [Highlighting GP issues in the national press](#) such as demanding a black alert system for general practice, fighting Capita and challenging the NHSE rhetoric
- Working with GP Federations and at scale providers to **improve the voice of general practice.**
- Providing [free education](#) events to meet practices' needs
- Challenging NHSE about their interpretation of SFE including sickness and maternity payments, extended hours DES and premises costs.
- Supporting practice in legal challenge to recover immunisation monies
- Supporting practices in dispute with NHSPS/CHP over extortionate service charges
- Continuing funding of [GP-S Mentoring](#) to ensure GPs have access to a high quality free coaching and mentoring service



- Challenging the London-centric approach to GP funding and **changing NHSE's policy to meet the needs of our rural practices.**

Are we worth it?

DDLMC is increasingly relied upon by practices for expert advice, support and representation. All activities undertaken are financed by the LMC voluntary levy contributions paid by **90% of GP practices**. Since its inception in 1913, DDLMC has never invoked its statutory powers to raise a compulsory levy as it prefers voluntarism to compulsion.

Most high street solicitors and accountancy firms do not possess the detailed specialist knowledge of NHS General Practice and will charge hourly rates which will barely cover 2 or 3 hours advice compared to the annual voluntary levy of DDLMC.

DDLMC in the future

DDLMC will continue to help all GP practices evolve within the current changing environment, so that they can continue to provide the best possible services to their patients whilst ensuring a positive work life balance for GPs and their practice teams.

DDLMC will press for increased resources to ensure GP practices in Derbyshire continue to be among the best in the country.

Thank You

DDLMC is proud of its long representation and service to GPs across Derbyshire and is grateful for the support it receives from 90% of GP practices, without which it would have difficulty continuing to effectively and efficiently support GP practices.

