

DERBYSHIRE LMC
MOTIONS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2008

1. That this Conference :
 - (a) believes that the future of Primary Care lies in innovation and the expansion of the business model to meet the health care needs of the registered population
 - (b) calls upon GP principals to demonstrate vision in achieving these aims
 - (c) calls upon GP principals to make partnerships available to Gs (and other clinicians and managers) who share this vision
 - (d) recognizes that there are GPs who, for various reasons and at various times, are unable to take on those responsibilities but whose skills need to be utilized and rewarded.
2. That, with regard to the so-called Darzi practices, this Conference notes that Lord Darzi and Alan Johnson have both said that one size may not fit all and PCTs will need to assess their need for one, while the NHS Operating Framework requires each PCT to commission at least one such practice. Conference wonders whether the Ministers see themselves as the dog or the tail.
3. That this Conference demands that the so-called Darzi practices are piloted and evaluated before they are rolled out to each PCT.
4. That this Conference believes that advice on primary care is best obtained from those who have experience in the discipline. Conference notes that the place of complex endoscopic surgery in primary care is limited.
5. That this Conference notes that community hospital funding remains inadequate and calls for
 - (a) proper unbundling of tariffs
 - (b) the ability to recoup funding from social services authorities where appropriate.
6. That this Conference notes the increasing tensions between GP principals, salaried GPs and freelance GPs and urges all GPs to work together to design flexible career pathways that meet everybody's needs.
7. That this Conference warns the government that its strategy of encouraging the provision of primary care by large commercial organisations, beholden to shareholders, will ultimately detract from the standard of care delivered to the sickest and least empowered members of society.
8. That this Conference has no confidence in the UK government's stewardship of the NHS.