

MOTIONS FOR CONFERENCE 2013

That this Conference notes that there are only 16 female members out of 75 with voting rights on the GPC and there are no female negotiators, and

- i) believes that the GPC and the negotiators lack credibility due to the under representation of women
- ii) requests a further review on ways to make the GPC more representative of the GP workforce

That this Conference believes that, at a time when General Practice is under attack and the GP Contract is being dismantled by the Department of Health, the profession needs strong leadership and positive ideas from the GPC and not the current apparent defeatism

Rachel

That this Conference

- i) believes that the work-place based assessment section of the nMRCGP is unnecessarily complex and repetitious
- ii) believes that the workplace based assessment is an unproductive burden on trainers, hospital colleagues and registrars alike
- iii) at this time of low GP recruitment and falling GP morale, asks the GPC to work with the RCGP to simplify the e-portfolio in order to release training time to focus on clinical and professional matters.

Jenny

That this Conference notes that the 20% shareholding of PCTs in LIFT companies is to be transferred to Community Health Partnerships (CHP) and demands that any profits or dividends accruing to this 20% shareholding in the future should be reinvested into the local health economies that generate them.

John

That this Conference notes, with concern, the increasing number of extremely derogatory comments made by patients about their Practices on Facebook and other social media and requests GPC to instigate negotiations with the Department of Health, the NHS Commissioning Board, the Parliamentary Ombudsman for Health and the General Medical Council to determine what is and is not acceptable and what might constitute clear evidence of an irretrievable breakdown of trust between a patient and a Practice.

John

That this Conference believes that GPs should now be able to charge their patients for services not available on the NHS.

Thornbrook Surgery

That this Conference believes that a further reduction in General Practitioner income will result in entry to Medical School being the preserve of the rich and privileged.

That this Conference believes that the phrase 'Walk in Centre' gives patients a false impression because it suggests that they will be given an instant diagnosis, immediate treatment and will always be cured.

That this Conference believes that the IPSOS MORI GP survey which only achieves a 5% response from patients is an expensive use of scarce resources and not fit for purpose.

Paul Weston-Smith

That this Conference

- i) notes the damning indictment of a "culture where figures were preferred to people" at Mid Staffordshire by Robert Francis QC
- ii) believes that the imposed contract changes will force GPs down the same inglorious path
- iii) asserts that GPs will be forced to spend too much time and effort chasing fatuous targets just to remain economically viable rather than focusing on our vocation of patient care.

Brendan Ryan

That this conference in the wake of the Francis report calls

- i) upon Sir David Nicolson to resign as Chief Executive of the NHS failing which
- ii) the Secretary of State for Health to require him to resign failing which
- iii) David Cameron sack both Sir David Nicolson and then Jeremy Hunt for dereliction of duty

That this Conference welcomes the Francis report and the opportunity it brings

- i) to demolish the culture of secrecy, bullying and patronage endemic within the NHS
- ii) for the clinical professions to re-assert their primacy in dictating policies relating to clinical care
- iii) for an HONEST debate about clinical staffing levels, clinical workloads and what the NHS can afford to undertake
- iv) for the public to have a better understanding of what has gone wrong and why

That this Conference

- i) believes that with ultimate power comes ultimate responsibility
- ii) is tired of the culture prevalent within NHS where management incompetence, wrongdoing or professional failure frequently results in re-deployment, promotion or a handsome pay off without any transparent sanction being imposed
- iii) Calls for NHS managers to be on a register and undergo periodic competency and efficiency checks

That this Conference requires that the law be amended such that implementation of the Francis report shall trump the requirement to financially break even

Peter Holden

That in the light of the Francis report Sir David Nicolson should fall on his sword and resign as Chief Executive of the NHS

Peter JP Holden

That this Conference believes that if a contract starts on 1st April it should be finalised before the 1st April. If it is not finalised it should be deferred 12 months before starting.

John Ashcroft

This this Conference believes children are still children when they reach the age of 5 years and consequently, Health Visitors should still see children over the age of 5, especially if there are multiple children in a household and one or more is under 5 years old.

Mark Bermingham

This this Conference believes that

- i) the government is out of touch by criticising GPs
- ii) GPs are doing a good job and doing the job that the public, our patients their voters want them to continue doing.

Mark Bermingham

That this Conference notes that the national proportion of sessional GPs is about 20% and rising and requests that the GPC to investigate whether this has the potential to destabilise the profession, especially in the light of the growing number of AQP GP employers.

That this Conference, in light of the Francis report, requests the GPC

- i) To work with the RCGP to highlight the link between adequate consultation time and the ability to maximise compassion, empathy and high quality service
- ii) To make it very clear to Government and to the public that an adequate response to the report in Primary Care will require significant extra resources

That this Conference requests the GPC to re-affirm its support of competent and qualified GPs with special interests, working with hospital specialists, to provide a cost-effective and patient-valued integrated care service closer to patients.

Mark Wood

That this Conference asserts that the standard NHS contract is more complex and burdensome than is necessary for a CCG to commission a service from its member practices and calls upon the Department of Health to find a simpler method of allowing this to happen.

That this Conference calls upon the Department of Health to revise the requirement that two separate messages must be sent to a practice in those areas where the 111 service and Out of Hours service are fully integrated and capable of transmitting all appropriate information in a single message.

John

That this Conference welcomes the extension of GP training but is concerned that it will be used as a means of providing another year of cheap labour to the work force instead of equipping trainees with the essential leadership, managerial and negotiation skills critically needed to fulfil the ever expanding role expected of them.

Kaysia Gale

That this conference warns the government that patients are likely to see unintended and negative consequences from the contract changes imposed on General Practice on 1 April 2013.

John

New Business

That this conference calls upon Doctor Dan Poulter to resign from his position as a Health Minister following his bare-faced lie on the Today Programme of 24th April 2013 that the GP Out of Hours service has been “scrapped”.