



## **Derby and Derbyshire LMC Annual LMC Conference Summary**

### **DDLMC representatives:**

- **Peter Williams** - Chair
- **Kath Markus** – Chief Executive
- **Peter Holden** – Treasurer
- **Susie Bayley** – Head of Communications
- **Yadavakrishnan Pasupathi** – LMC rep
- **David Gibbs** – Head of Business Support

### **Key Messages:**

With the ongoing, and mounting, pressures on general practice we all felt that the 2017 LMC Conference needed to deliver something really meaningful.

Although there was a slight change in the format which encouraged frank discussions on some important topics, we were left feeling a little disappointed. Many motions seemed to be repetitions of issues discussed in previous years, but still not acted on.

It became obvious that the major change required was unlikely to result from this conference UNLESS LMCs ensured they held GPC to account, and received regular updates over the next 12 months.

Despite this frustration, there were a few key decisions made by delegates present:

#### **1) Alternative funding options for general practice**

This motion, passed by the LMC conference; 'instructs GPC to produce a discussion paper outlining alternative funding options for general practice, including co-payments'. Although controversial, the overwhelming feeling in the room was that if the government are unwilling to fund NHS general practice adequately, other avenues must be explored in the interest of patient safety.

#### **2) A vote of no confidence in the GPFV**

A theme of the second day was lack of confidence in the GPFV 'rescue package' announced over 12 months ago. Although big on promises, in the words of Susie Bayley as she grilled the GPC exec, it has 'spectacularly failed to deliver' (See her interview with GP Online [here](#)).

#### **3) List Closures**

A motion was passed, building on the theme of lack of confidence in the GPFV investment. It read that conference 'demands that GPC ballot GPs as to whether they would be prepared to collectively close their lists in response to this crisis'. The proposer of the motion, Dr Applebee, said 'if not now when'.

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Also, DDLMC delegates made their presence known on the following issues:

**1) CAPITA**

David Gibbs, Capita's own nemesis, shared his expert knowledge on the topic, explaining how DDLMC had written to Capita's 5 main shareholders in attempt to get some action. Conference agreed that NHSE should be held to account for Capita's failings.

**2) Management Consultancies**

Kath Markus Asked the GPC exec to submit a Freedom of Information request to ascertain how much has been spent on management consultants by CCGs across the country.

**3) GP Funding**

Peter Williams made a clear argument that adequate funding of GPs was vital to save the NHS. He estimated we need 200% of the current funding structure.

Yadavakrishnan Pasupathi urged us to support the motion calling for GPs to be able to charge their patients for [non-NHS services](#). Peter Williams explained that this option was vital as rationing of NHS services increases and would allow us to be more responsive to our patients .

**4) GP representation at national level**

Susie Bayley called for a review of GPC structure and argued for ' relevant representation'.

You can see the whole webcast [here](#) – and we have separately recorded the DDLMC involvement, all of the speeches can be seen [here](#).

**Priorities for Derbyshire**

Although the conference itself was disappointing, we have come away with determination and some priorities which we hope you will support.

We feel more strongly than ever that we need to hold GPC to account and seek action on areas discussed. Key areas for the next 6-12months include:

- 1) Pressing GPC to seek financial recompense for practices affected by the NHS cyber attacks
- 2) Liaising with other LMCs to look at means of reducing practice risk
- 3) Continuing to demand CCGs get GPFV support direct to practices quickly.
- 4) Question the monies absorbed by Management Consultants as part of the STP and GPFV

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