

# WORCESTERSHIRE LMC

## NEWSLETTER

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### **LMC - ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES**

At the last meeting of the committee held on the 19<sup>th</sup> April we discussed the results of the election for representatives from the Redditch and Bromsgrove and Wyre Forest areas. The existing members were re-elected unopposed. The Current Chairman and Vice-Chairman remain in office for a further two years. Dr Simon Parkinson was re-elected as Secretary for a further four year term. Dr Fiona Martin has joined the committee as our new Non-Principals Representative and Dr Nikki Burger has been co-opted back onto the committee. Dr Tona Walder is our new Registrar Representative.

Sadly we had two resignations. Firstly Dr Maggie Keeble has resigned from the LMC after 15 years sterling service to the LMC. This leaves a vacancy from Worcester City and we hope that another colleague will come forward and take over Maggies place on the committee. Dr David Brownridge retires from General Practice at the end of April and has tendered his resignation from the LMC. David is our longest serving LMC member and has also been Secretary of Worcestershire Division of the BMA for 24 years. For much of that time he has been the dispensing doctors representative on the LMC and has done a great deal of work in this and other areas to support colleagues around the county. The Committee formally thanked both Drs Keeble and Brownridge for their efforts over the years. We will greatly miss them both.

### **VAT**

A number of practices in Worcestershire are affected by the change in the VAT Regulations and there does seem to be a great deal of confusion around this subject. We have put together a list of all the relevant documentation and information that we have received and this has already been sent out to practices. Further copies are available from the LMC website at:

[http://www.worcslmc.co.uk/upload/Information\\_to\\_practices\\_on\\_VAT\\_April\\_07.doc](http://www.worcslmc.co.uk/upload/Information_to_practices_on_VAT_April_07.doc)

### **NEW PCT LES's**

The PCT has informed the PCT of the new LES for Practice Based Commissioning and also for Choose & Book. The LMC was not consulted by these and had no prior knowledge that either of these schemes were being discussed or the arrangements for them. We have concerns about both and have conveyed this to the PCT but it

seems to be a fait accompli. We are saddened that our PCT does not yet seem to have matched its rhetoric and properly engaged with General Practice. We had a significant discussion at the last meeting when Neill Bucktin was present representing the PCT. There are concerns about the arrangements for the PBC Commissioning Forum and the LMC continues to express dismay that we have no involvement and indeed have not even yet seen the Local Development Plan. PBC sign us all in to a document we haven't even seen!

### **PMS SUPERANNUATION**

As many of the PMS practices will be aware, a meeting took place recently with representatives of the LMC and the PCT. Over 40 people from PMS practices, both Practice Managers and GPs came to attend the meeting which we felt had a very useful discussion and aired the areas that are still in dispute. To date we have had no further reply from the PCT on how they intend to proceed.

### **PENSIONS DYNAMISATION AND LEAVE FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

On March 7<sup>th</sup> we have been told that the BMA formally lodged its appeal for a judicial review action with the courts after the Secretary of State announced her intention to restrict pension increases. It was originally anticipated that it would be known whether leave had been granted within 6-8 weeks of this date but we understand that a decision has not yet been made. Apparently the delay is due to problems in the legal system. It is now expected that a decision will be heard before the end of May. If as expected leave for judicial review is granted it is likely this process will also be lengthy, as many legal processes are, with the result unlikely to be known until round the end of the year.

### **WORCESTERSHIRE LMC WEBSITE**

The following guidance has been added to the LMC website during the last month:  
Poster from Worcestershire LMC - General Practice Information Poster

[http://www.worcslmc.co.uk/upload/SOME\\_INFORMATION\\_ABOUT\\_GENERAL\\_PRACTICE\\_POSTER3.doc](http://www.worcslmc.co.uk/upload/SOME_INFORMATION_ABOUT_GENERAL_PRACTICE_POSTER3.doc)

#### **BMA/GPC Guidance documents:**

Chronic kidney disease - Frequently asked questions

[http://www.worcslmc.co.uk/upload/FAQ\\_in\\_Chronic\\_Kidney\\_Disease\\_-\\_final\\_-\\_April\\_07.pdf](http://www.worcslmc.co.uk/upload/FAQ_in_Chronic_Kidney_Disease_-_final_-_April_07.pdf)

PBC - Practices' entitlements and PCTs' responsibilities in respect of practice based commissioning in 2007-08 - Model letter to PCT from the LMC &/or GP practice

[http://www.worcslmc.co.uk/upload/Model\\_letter\\_to\\_PCTs\\_re\\_PBC\\_07-08\\_-\\_final\\_May07.doc](http://www.worcslmc.co.uk/upload/Model_letter_to_PCTs_re_PBC_07-08_-_final_May07.doc)

Reviewing PMS contractual arrangements

[http://www.worcslmc.co.uk/upload/Reviewing\\_PMS\\_contractual\\_arrangements\\_-\\_March\\_2007.doc](http://www.worcslmc.co.uk/upload/Reviewing_PMS_contractual_arrangements_-_March_2007.doc)

Employment of staff under practice based commissioning & service provision arrangements

[http://www.worcslmc.co.uk/upload/Employment\\_of\\_staff\\_under\\_PBC\\_commissioning\\_and\\_service\\_provision\\_arrangements\\_-\\_final\\_5April07.doc](http://www.worcslmc.co.uk/upload/Employment_of_staff_under_PBC_commissioning_and_service_provision_arrangements_-_final_5April07.doc)

BMA briefing and position statement: Framework for procuring external support for commissioners

[http://www.worcslmc.co.uk/upload/Framework\\_for\\_procuring\\_external\\_support\\_for\\_commissioners\\_\(FESC\)\\_-\\_BMA\\_position\\_FINAL.doc](http://www.worcslmc.co.uk/upload/Framework_for_procuring_external_support_for_commissioners_(FESC)_-_BMA_position_FINAL.doc)

Safeguarding patient services, maintaining cost effectiveness

[http://www.worcslmc.co.uk/upload/Safeguarding\\_patient\\_services\\_maintaining\\_cost-effectiveness\\_-\\_April\\_2007.pdf](http://www.worcslmc.co.uk/upload/Safeguarding_patient_services_maintaining_cost-effectiveness_-_April_2007.pdf)

Contractual issues for GPs

[http://www.worcslmc.co.uk/upload/Contractual\\_issues\\_for\\_GPs\\_-\\_April\\_2007.pdf](http://www.worcslmc.co.uk/upload/Contractual_issues_for_GPs_-_April_2007.pdf)

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**The next LMC meeting will be 10 May 2007**