



Friday Fast Five – 14 February 2020

- 1. UK Conference of LMCs – 6 & 7 May 2020** - The Conference allows LMCs to propose and debate motions which determine GPC policy for negotiation on matters affecting GPs and practices. We are calling for your ideas for motions for conference. In order for us to be able to meet the deadline for submission of motions, we need motions from you by **19 February at the latest**. A list of topics which are suitable for the UK-wide Conference, as opposed to those which are suitable for the England-only conference is available [here](#). If you think you have a topic you would like to propose a motion about but would like some assistance in drafting from the LMC office do get in touch.
- 2. GP Contract Agreement for 2020/21** - Last week we informed you of the GP Contract Agreement that had just been agreed between NHSE and GPC. You can read a lot more about the changes and what they mean on the BMA website. We will also be sharing the executive summary in our Bi-monthly newsletter next week. <https://www.bma.org.uk/collective-voice/committees/general-practitioners-committee/gpc-england/gp-contract-agreement-england-2020-2021> There will be a Special Conference of English LMCs on March 11th to consider the outcome of the negotiations and determine any action the profession should take on this matter going forward. Representatives from the Beds & Herts LMC Committees along with members of the Secretariat will attend on behalf of the GPs and practices across our area. We will update members following this event. Clinical Directors for the PCNs were joined by LMC staff reps at a BMA organised conference held in Birmingham 8th Feb. The event was well attended, and reps were presented with a breadth of information to support PCN development.
- 3. Safeguarding Reports** - After several months of negotiation, arrangements for paying GPs for safeguarding reports have been agreed in Hertfordshire and the CCGs will be emailing out to practices very soon (if they haven't done so already) with details. We are still in negotiations with Bedfordshire and Luton CCGs. We are very pleased that after all these years GPs will finally be paid for this important work.
- 4. Physician-assisted dying** - The BMA has launched a survey of *members* on physician-assisted dying, following a vote at last year's ARM to do so. Members will be asked whether they believe the BMA should support, oppose, or take a neutral stance on a change in the law to permit doctors to prescribe drugs for eligible patients to end their own life. They will also be asked about a stance to a change in the law to permit doctors to administer drugs with the intention of ending an eligible patient's life. All BMA members will receive an email (BMASurvey@kantar.com) from Kantar, the independent research agency, with a link to participate. Find out more at www.bma.org.uk/pad and read the BMA statement [here](#).
- 5. Coronavirus guidance** - The BMA has published a [web page](#) highlighting key information and links to official guidance from government agencies on coronavirus, including how to handle queries from patients and how to manage patients who contact or attend GP practices. GPC has been made aware that GP practices in England are being contacted by their CCGs, on behalf of NHSEI requesting information regarding practice preparation for coronavirus. GPC advice remains that while there is no obligation to provide this information, unless the Secretary of State issues a direction, practices are encouraged to respond so that NHSEI and Public Health England are aware the national picture for preparations.

BMA and GPC are in close contact with NHSEI and other stakeholders to ensure that any measures they put in place are supportive and do not place any overly onerous burden on GPs and their patients. Practices should continue to review their business continuity plans, infection prevention and control measures in addition to any national guidance issued by UK health or public health agencies.

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