



Election of GPDF Directors

A formal notice regarding the election of Directors at the AGM in September 2020 has been sent to those members of the GPDF listed in the Register of Members at close of business on 15 June 2020. There will be 3 vacancies for Members to be elected to the Board – each elected by individuals who are resident in England, Scotland and Wales respectively. Keith McIntyre (Scotland) will stand for re-election but Paul Roblin (England) and Ashok Rayani (Wales) intend to stand down at the conclusion of the AGM. Information on the role, duties and current level of payment for Directors can be found on the GPDF website (<https://www.gpdf.org.uk/library/gpdf-being-a-director/>) or email Hugh Christie, Company Secretary (cosec@gpdf.org.uk) if you have any specific questions. The GPDF Board would very much welcome a diverse range of candidates to ensure the broadest possible representation of general practice.

Update: New Independent Directors

We are pleased to announce that two new independent Directors will be appointed to the Board on 1 July 2020.

Jane Tozer OBE will be the Senior Independent Director and she has been a non-executive Director (NED) and audit committee chair of numerous companies. She is the Senior Independent Director of Nominet, the company that runs the UK domain name system, BMO Global Smaller Companies Investment Trust plc, and at Ventus 2 VCT plc. She is a Trustee of the Galapagos Conservation Trust and has been a NED of Asthma UK and a departmental audit committee member of the Ministry of Justice. Graduating from Cambridge with a double First in mathematics, Jane joined IBM, after which she was Chief Executive of Softwright Systems, a software development company which she co-founded and ran until its sale to a US quoted company.



Bill Butler is a member of CIPFA and a member of its Regulatory Panel. Bill's association with healthcare began with the Audit Commission where he became Acting Director of Health before joining the new Healthcare Commission. He was Finance Director there when it began its work as the NHS regulator in 2006. He joined the Gambling Commission as Director of Corporate Services and was then CEO at the Security Industry Authority. Bill is a non-executive director and chair of the audit & risk committee of the Gangmasters & Labour Abuse Authority. Since 2018, he has been a non-executive lay member of the board of The Law Society for England and Wales.



Appointment of an Independent chair of the Remuneration Committee.

For several years, we have had a Remuneration Committee with 2 elected Directors and chaired by an appointed, independent Director. This committee had responsibility for recommending the levels of remuneration for Directors and management. In the interests of transparency and accountability, the Board decided to separate the responsibilities of this committee from the oversight role of the Board by appointing an independent chair, supported by two people from LMCs who are not Directors or Nominees/Members of the company. **Joel Griffin** has been appointed as the independent chair of the Remuneration committee, and he will take up this role at the beginning of July. Once in post he will participate in the selection of the 2 LMC people to join him on the committee. Contact will shortly be made with those individuals who have expressed an interest to join this committee, and we would like to thank all those who have expressed an interest.

Joel Griffin is the Reward Director of Rolls-Royce Plc with responsibility for the reward policy for that company's globally diverse employees. He supports the Rolls-Royce Board's Remuneration Committee and he has considerable experience of governance arrangements for a variety of organisations, ranging from large public corporations to small and medium sized businesses as well as many pension trusts.





The impact of Covid-19 on GPDF Accumulated Funds

You will all be aware of the substantial impact which the Covid-19 pandemic has had on economies and investments throughout the world. Stock markets plummeted and have not recovered to their pre-pandemic levels. In common with most other organisations the GPDF's accumulated funds, represented by our investment portfolio, have been impacted negatively over the first few months of 2020. While they have fared better than some others, nonetheless they experienced a drop in market value of £1,350,000 in the five months to 31 May.

Training & Development Initiative for LMC members. A project developed by LMCs – for LMCs

The GPDF is supporting a small team from several LMCs led by Peter Higgins of Lancs & Cumbria LMCs and Michael Wright from Nottinghamshire LMC to research and compile an Induction Pack / Reference Guide to benefit newly appointed LMC Officers. The project will then identify and meet the ongoing training and development needs of LMC Officers. Unfortunately, this is yet another project which has had to be placed on hold due to Covid-19, but we are hopeful that work on this can re-commence in the near future; the team are interested in any views on what should be included in this project.

Contact Peter.Higgins@nwlmc.org or michael.wright@nottslmc.co.uk

Non-Payment of Quota by a small number of LMC

LMC payment of Quotas – as at end March 2020 The following LMCs, that have thus far declined to pay the quota, have unpaid quotas for 2018, 2019 and in some cases prior years, in addition to 2020.

LMC	Balance outstanding at 31 st March	Percentage of amount owned relative to 2020 Levy
Bolton	£60,859.46	700%
Manchester	£105,894.70	596%
Rochdale & Bury	£71,857.60	584%
Total	£238,611.76	-

In relation to the 2020 quota all other LMCs have either made payment in full, in part (with agreement) or are paying regular amounts by standing order.

Please note: Where LMCs do not pay their quota for the current year an additional burden is placed on the GPDF and its ability to meet the needs of National Representation and the Conferences.

Covid-19 Business support. Useful links for LMCs:

Scottish Government: <https://digitaldevelopmentloan.org/> and <https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/coronavirus-advice>

Welsh Government: <https://businesswales.gov.wales/coronavirus-advice/covid-19-business-support-finder>

UK Government : <https://www.gov.uk/business-coronavirus-support-finder>

Sign up to our database

We are always trying to ensure we reach as many people within LMCs as possible with information and news, and to invite them to participate in consultations. If you would like to be kept up to date and are not already on the database, please contact lisa@jlr.co.uk

Contact us

GPDF engagement

For any matter regarding the role/remit of GPDF or engagement of GPDF with other organisations.

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GPDF policy regarding honoraria payments or expenses payment

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GPDF Membership

For any matter related to GPDF Membership, Articles of Association or Governance structure.

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