



Communique

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Motions at LMC England Conference, November 2019

A number of motions were submitted to the Agenda Committee of the England LMC conference held in November 2019 in London.

Only one of the following motions was debated and passed by conference, but GPDF considers it appropriate to make observations on all of the proposed motions, in order to share its understanding on the issues.

This motion was debated and **passed** at conference

HERTFORDSHIRE:

“That conference wishes to give GPDF the mandate on behalf of England LMCs to use its reserves to provide ring-fenced funding to LMCs for the significant but vital extra work that they are being required to do, supporting the establishment and work of PCNs.”

GPDF observations:

- A rebate of almost £1M from the GPDF 2019 quota was shared across all LMCs towards the end of 2019. LMCs are free to use these funds as they see fit, which could include funding issues related to PCNs.
- GPDF funded the cost of one ticket for each LMC to enable them to attend the BMA /PCN Conference on 8th February.
- While this motion was passed at conference, the lack of specific detail makes it difficult for the GPDF to understand the scale of funding or commitment suggested by Hertfordshire and therefore further information would be required to allow the GPDF to consider this request.

The following motions **were not debated** at conference

CAMBRIDGESHIRE:

“That conference recognises the work of the BMA with the consultants committee in developing a ‘pensions calculator’ tool, and the challenges of delivering an equivalent for the CARE pensions of GPs and calls upon GPDF to supplement the BMA’s project to expedite delivery of an equivalent tool to be made available for England’s GPs as soon as is feasible.”

GPDF observations:

- GPDF have had discussion with BMA on this matter. BMA have advised that there is no requirement for GPDF funding at this time.