

Communique

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Annual General Meeting: 2019

GPDF's AGM took place on 11th September 2020, with the Chair hosting a virtual meeting attended by 34 Members from LMCs. A copy of the Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2019 is available on the GPDF website [here](#)

The key highlights of 2019 were as follows:

- Continued progress in meeting the needs of LMCs
- Extensive support for PCNs with guidance notes, templates, advice resource and event sponsorship
- Sponsorship of LMC delivered contract events
- £1 Million rebate to LMCs for local use
- Work started on a new set of Articles, completed and adopted in early 2020
- Reaching agreement on a Grant with the BMA until June 2020

Financial Highlights

- A grant of £1,375,000 was agreed with the BMA for the year to June 2020
- The level of Quota in 2019 was reduced by 10% compared with 2018
- A rebate of around £1M was made to LMCs temporarily reducing the quota
- The accumulated funds stood at £17,140,551 at 31st December 2019 but this level has fluctuated because of the impact of Covid-19 on investments worldwide

Update on 2020 activity

- The GPDF's Articles were re-written, updated, and adopted
- We recruited two new Independent Directors to serve on the GPDF Board
- We recruited an experienced independent chair to lead the Remuneration Committee, along with two representatives from LMCs thereby strengthening that committee's independence
- The LMC Development Grant Scheme was evaluated and re-focussed
- A proposal to assist LMCs with the Induction and Personal Development of LMC Officers & Staff is being developed, led by a working group of experienced LMC officers

Dougy Moederle-Lumb's address to the meeting has been posted on the GPDF website and can be accessed [here](#).

A number of questions were asked during the meeting and details of the responses have been posted on the GPDF website. These can be accessed [here](#).

LMC Led project for the Induction & Ongoing Personal Development of LMC Officers & Staff

• A network of LMC's in England highlighted a gap in the induction, training and development of LMC officers and senior staff when compared to colleagues working in CCGs, PCNs and Trusts. Led by Peter Higgins a project has been proposed to change this and it will cover England, Scotland and Wales. The project will be considered when the Board of Directors meets at the beginning of October.

Elections of Directors

There were 3 vacancies on the Board of GPDF: Candidates were elected by Members resident in England, Scotland and Wales and the following individuals were re-elected to the board.

- Dr Keith J McIntyre (Lanarkshire LMC)
- Dr Ashok Rayani (Morgannwg LMC)
- Dr Paul Roblin (Oxfordshire LMC)

Survey Findings

Overview: Consultation with LMCs regarding the Deed of Grant with the BMA

- All LMCs were invited to participate in a concise consultation regarding GPDF/BMA discussions on a Deed of Grant, and a total of 68 individuals from 45 LMCs took part.
- An online survey was conducted incorporating a series of statements (clearly identified as 'not necessarily the view of GPDF') with participants asked to advise the extent to which they agreed or disagreed with each statement.

There was strong **support** from the participants in this consultation that ...

- "GPDF should hold the BMA to account for how the grant is used".
- "GPDF should impose conditions to ensure it is General Practice which benefits".
- "GPDF must ensure that BMA does not use the grant to support anything other than General Practice".
- "There should be a redress if BMA does not keep any terms of the Deed of Grant".

In addition, a number of the comments provided within the survey highlighted the importance of ensuring both 'efficiency' and 'value-for money' in relation to the use of the grant by the BMA.

Remuneration Committee Appointments

Simon Barrett (N&NE Lincs) & Dr David Humphreys (Wigan LMC) have been appointed to the Remuneration Committee on the recommendation of the Independent Chair, Joel Griffin. To further enhance good corporate governance, this committee acts independently of, but reports to, the board of the GPDF. None of its three members is a Director of the GPDF nor are they nominee Members of the Company.

Updates: GMS Regulations, PMS Regulations & Performers List Regulations as at 01.10.20

Please click on the links below to access the latest consolidated versions, prepared for GPDF by DR Solicitors.

GMS Regulations - as at 01/10/20 [here](#)

PMS Regulations - as at 01/10/20 [here](#)

Performers List Regulations - as at 01/10/20 [here](#)

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

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