

My experience: I am an ex-partner for 3 years in a GMS Practice and have been a sessional portfolio GP since relinquishing partnership. I have been on long standing member of Notts LMC and I am Notts LMC board since 2018, initially as a director and now as a deputy Chair. I understand the GPDF / LMC axis very well and have represented Notts LMC as an LMC representative to GPDF right from the time of implementation of Meldrum's reforms. I am also on Sessional GPC for 4 years and I am now part of SGPC Exec for a period of 12 months.

I am also co vice Chair of East Midlands BMA regional council and have been regional JDC chair during the VTS training. Thus, I am aware of how BMA works and I am also cognizant of the BMA / GPDF / LMC / GPC axis, as well as the agreement between BMA and GPDF.

My statement: It is an understatement to say that the General practice is under extreme pressure and the persistent negative rhetoric in the media, about the profession has many untold effects on our colleagues. As it stands out GPCUK doesn't have a Chair and GPCE is grappling with lack of resources to cope with increased demand post-Pandemic. All CCGs are officially integrated into ICSs in England and there is palpable nervousness about the direction of travel in post-integrated era.

LMCs in England are looking at GPCE for national steer on key issues and are often triangulated between GPC/EGPDF/BMA whilst trying to address local challenges and pressures. It's a watershed movement for the profession as well as for GPC/BMA with the evolving scenario of possible industrial action or collective action.

GPDF has been engaging with LMCs following Meldrum reforms and I endeavor to strengthen this engagement to the best of my ability. Rebuild GP has certainly made some progress in changing the narrative and getting some media attention and it's heartening to see continued commitment from GPDF to support and rebuild General Practice.

I will work with fellow directors and the board of GPDF, to support LMCs in the ever-changing landscape of Primary care, so that LMCs have enough resources to support our colleagues on the ground. There needs to be collective action from GPC/BMA/GPDF/LMCs to change the narrative and GPDF role is vital in supporting the GPCE, especially with the negotiations for a possible new contract are around the corner.

I am a keen networker and am social media savvy with my presence on twitter and face book. I am passionate about making the change and supporting colleagues. I am also an advocate of equality, diversity and inclusion in General Practice and with my attributes, experience and networking skills, I promise to be the conduit between LMCs and GPDF. Please lend your vote and I am happy to be contacted on social media or through email if you have any questions.