

Good morning!

As an adopted Welshman I do have a heavy bias but I thought that the 2024 UK LMC conference in Newport was fantastic! It was inspiring to see so many passionate members of the community with such a collective resolve to save General Practice. I firmly believe that we truly are better together. I had the pleasure of chatting to many of you at our stand (the chocolate/sweets proved to be a great ice breaker!), focus remains on listening to your concerns, supporting your needs, and giving a voice to GPs across the country. Here's how we have been doing this:

### Listening to LMCs

- **Active Engagement:** We've gone beyond just sending questionnaires to truly listen to LMCs.
- **Policy Reframing:** Investment policies have been reframed to ensure capital is held to meet liabilities and obligations, supporting GPs and their LMCs now and in the future.
- **Financial Adjustments:**
  - Changed our financial year to start on April 1<sup>st</sup> (no levy collected 1/1/24-31/3/24)
- **Transparency and Accountability:**
  - Restructured the management accounts to make them clearer and more transparent.
- **Community Strength:** Welcomed almost all LMCs back to the GPDF community.
- **Legal Support:** Undertaking a tendering exercise for new providers of general legal advice to GPDF.

### Supporting GPs

- **Grant Allocation:** Since September, we have agreed or paid grants totalling £218k, including £127k to GPCE for new policy leads.
- **Legal Grants:** We have agreed or paid legal grants of £72k.
- **LMC Grants Programme:** Launched a new transparent, objective LMC grants programme, distributing £78k.
- **Support Network:** Paid £80k since May 2023 for LMC Support Network, with £39k through the grants programme.
- **Rebuild GP Campaign:** Fully funded by GPDF at £120k per year.

### Giving Voice to GPs

- **Deed of Grant:** Signed DoG with GPDF contributing £1.6m with an annual inflation uplift and a 12% discretionary element to ensure LMCs have a voice.
- **Conferences:** Proud to support today's UK conference and other vital opportunities, estimated at £500k for 2024.
- **National Support:** Financially supporting GPCs across England, Scotland, and Wales, including an additional £127k for new policy leads

### Key Expenditures for 2024-25

We anticipate the following key expenditures:

- **Deed of Grant to BMA, GPC Committees, LMC Grants, Legal Support, Conferences, Rebuild GP, LMC Support Network.**
- **Professional Fees:** Including insurance and audit, projected at £267k.
- **Operational Costs:** People at GPDF, including meetings, bookkeeping, and back office support, projected at £323k.

### Levy Update

- **Community Expansion:** Delighted to welcome Manchester back to the GPDF community!
- **Levy Reductions:** Reduced from 6p to 4p in 2020, and further to 3p in April 2020
- **Financial Strategy:** Operating at a deficit for four years, projected at £1.2m for the year ending March 31, 2024, and £2.2m for the year ending March 31, 2025. We are utilising reserves down to £10 million from the current £17 million but recognise that this is not sustainable long-term.
- **Future Levy:** We will be having conversations with LMCs about how to address the deficit, including potential increases to the levy, which will be voted on at our AGM.

### Future Directions

- **Continued Engagement:** We will continue to listen, support GPs, and give General Practice a strong voice.
- **Professional Unity:** We are stronger together and want you to feel part of GPDF.
- **Open Communication:** Please talk to us and provide honest feedback.

### Better together

The daily "to-do list" isn't always straightforward, and there are many challenges you are all aware of. Please always be sure of our commitment to you that we are better together.

Take care,



Phil Cox

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