

Good afternoon,

As Autumn rapidly transforms into Winter, the Cox household had a lovely weekend of pumpkin picking & painting, and my blood pressure has just about returned to normal after seeing the final bill for our pumpkins! I wanted to update you of some of the funding we have approved recently:

GPDF Project Panel

At our AGM we heard our members tell us that they felt confident that we had addressed the concerns around transparency in our organisation and wanted us to compensate those on the panel judging applications to [the annual £200k project fund](#). One of the advantages of the board judging applications from November 2023 is that we have an intricate knowledge of the process and workload involved. When this was discussed at our October meeting it was unanimously agreed that those on the panel will receive an honoraria of a half day sessional rate, [currently £303.50](#), per application cycle to reflect meeting and reading time. This will be reviewed annually by the board to ensure that the rate offered is fit for purpose and adjustments will be communicated to members accordingly.

LMC Support Network

As you will hopefully have seen in [my update on 19th August 2024](#), we initially hoped to present the LMC Support network's proposal at GPDF's 2024 AGM for a vote by our members, but this was delayed until our March 2025 EGM at the request of the LMCSN. Network Manager Michael Wright has written a [summary of surrounding events](#) and created a [leaflet about the proposal that the LMCSN will be bringing to GPDF's 2025 EGM](#). To enable the LMCSN to continue operations they submitted an emergency bid of £25,850 to GPDF for funding of recurring costs to March 2025, a breakdown of which is available in the table below:

Interim costs to run the LMC Support Network from 1 October 2024-31 March 2025	
Management lead(s) 2 x sessions per week at £75 per hour	£14,400
Operational support x 2 sessions per week including on-costs for staff provided by Lancs & Cumbria LMC	£7,500
Steering group board attendance costs x 1 quarterly meeting (Jan 25)	£1,200 (8 x attendees x 1.5hrs x £100 per hour)
Website maintenance and upkeep	£1,000
Business admin/banking/accounting costs (from Lancs & Cumbria LMC)	£1,750
Total for 6 months to March 2025:	£25,850

You can see what funding GPDF has provided to the LMCSN prior to this in [my July Newsletter](#). If you have any questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact [ourselves](#) or the [LMCSN](#).

Rebuild GP

Rebuild General Practice is a grassroots campaign funded by the GPDF. It raises awareness of the crisis in general practice and supports GPs and LMCs to shape the future of the profession. The campaign has secured national media cut-through, political support - and mobilised and supported LMCs and grassroots GPs to intervene in political debate and shape future policy. The campaign has driven and achieved three key shifts:

1. At the highest levels of politics, we have seen language of reforming primary care shift to rebuilding primary care and is now being adopted by the SOS for Health
2. In the media, Rebuild GP have secured significant cut through for grassroots GP voices where there was previously none, paving the way to influence the conversation and ensure patients/readers understand the realities of the crisis in general practice.
3. At the grassroots, we have seen greater unity and activism across GPs and LMCs evidenced by the numbers of LMCs engaged with the campaign and proactively taking on advocacy and communications actions.

Thank you to every LMC and GP who has been active within the campaign to date. The Rebuild GP campaign has been extended by GPDF from December to March 2025 to enable our members to vote at our EGM on whether they wish to continue funding for the campaign, the annual cost of which is £216,000 or 0.31p of the Voluntary Levy. The Rebuild GP campaign have produced [a leaflet](#) which spotlights campaign activity between now and the EGM, and how the campaign can support you and your LMC, including a [patient engagement toolkit](#). Updates from the campaign can be found [here](#), including their [work at party conferences](#), or by [following Rebuild GP on Twitter](#) (I cant bring myself to call it X).

Our community

I am delighted to welcome Kirklees and Lincolnshire to the GPDF Community! I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming conferences as we fight for our profession, just a reminder that when booking hotel rooms, the corporate hotel rates for BMA members are available through Priority as one of your options but you are free to use any booking site you like – embrace your inner Martin Lewis!

And finally,

Following a disastrous budget for our profession, GPDF continues to listen, continues to support GPs, continues to give General Practice a voice and we continue to be united as a profession. We truly are stronger together.



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