

Good afternoon,

I hope that you have all stayed safe during Storm Darragh, our neighbourhood in South Wales was left without power for a significant part of the weekend, leaving us to forgo modern conveniences for candlelit board games whilst the high winds ravaged our garden.

It was fantastic to speak to many of you at the English and Scottish LMC conferences and to hear your comments about the [Voluntary Levy increase](#) which will be voted on at our EGM on March 6th 2025 at 9am. We will be sending out communications soon with projected budgets which will include how our reserves will reduce over the upcoming years related to the 2 levy increase options.

I would also like to thank [Attend](#) for kindly donating the chocolates and sweets which were enjoyed by those who came to our stand at conference. For those of you not aware, Attend provide Secretariat services to GPDF and it really is a pleasure to work with the team who, in addition to providing fantastic value for money, share GPDF's values and work ethic. If you would like to read more about the inspiring work that Attend does to support and expand the roles volunteers play in creating healthy communities you can do so [here](#).

Legal Support for LMCs

As part of our commitment to provide tailored support to LMCs to embrace the unique characteristics of their devolved healthcare systems, GPDF have commissioned the following documents for use:

- [GMS Contracts Regulations for Wales as at 01.10.24](#)
- [Performers List Regs for Wales 2024 as at 01.10.24](#)
- [Statement of Financial Entitlements \(Wales\) as at 01.10.24](#)
- [NHS Primary Medical Services Performers Lists Scotland Regulations Consolidated 2024 as at 01.10.2024](#)
- [NHS Primary Medical Services Scotland Regulations Consolidated 2024](#)
- [Statement of Financial Entitlements \(Scotland\) as at 01.10.2024](#)
- [GMS Contracts Regulations for England as at 01.10.24](#)
- [Statement of Financial Entitlements \(England\) as at 01.10.24](#)
- [Performers List Regs for England 2024 as at 01.10.2024](#)

Another of our key pillars of work is to “fund legal cases proposed by LMCs through a fair and transparent process, with clearly defined governance”. You may have seen in the news in [Pulse](#) that GPDF funded a legal case where a Court of Appeal has ruled in favour of a GP partner who was issued with contract termination notices for refusing to cooperate with the local PCN and Dr Sashi Shashikanth was thankful for the support GPDF provided. [DR Solicitors have produced a useful summary of the case, which includes the key implications and practical advice for GP Practices](#). If you need legal support for an issue of national importance' related to LMCs and/or General Practice then please [speak to us](#) or have a look at [our website](#), for the full GPDF guide on submitting an application for Legal Support please follow the guide here: [How to submit a Legal Support Request to GPDF](#).

Changes to GPDF

With effect from 12th December 2024, Jon Stanley stepped down as a Director of GPDF. We are thankful for his contributions and wish him well for the future.

Anonymous letters

As some of you may have seen in [Pulse](#), and as was mentioned in a motion at the English conference, we have had sight of a number of anonymous letters, which we don't consider to be aimed at GPDF totally or entirely. We are supporting the BMA who are taking the lead in this investigation and liaising with the Metropolitan Police, who have advised that we limit how much information we share. We will look to the BMA and the Metropolitan Police to lead any future updates.

And finally

We will be taking a break from COB 20/12/2024 to 0900 Monday 6/1/2025, it has been a very busy year, and we feel our team deserve some time off with loved ones. If there is anything urgent, please do reach out to [myself](#) or [David Wood](#) and we will endeavour to help.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Cox', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

Dr Phil Cox
GPDF Chair