

Levy Update

Since my last newsletter, we have continued to gather feedback about the level at which to set the Voluntary Levy for the coming year. The backdrop to this conversation is sadly the ongoing and increasing pressures on General Practice. As we have continued to listen it is clear that circumstances have not improved for Practices despite the hard work of those leading our profession. To reflect the grave challenges that Practices are facing, GPDF have made the decision to maintain the Voluntary Levy at 3p until the 2027/28 financial year.

Based on current expenditure and with the Levy at 3pm, there will be a deficit for the year. We are fortunate to have reserves that can be used for this, but we appreciate that drawing on reserves in this way each year is not an ideal position or a long-term strategy to adopt. This is particularly the case should unexpected needs arise that require additional draws from reserves. However, for the coming 12 months it feels important not to add additional financial pressure to GPDF members.

Please note that if there are significant, unforeseen changes to the financial landscape, either at GPDF, globally or within the GP community, then the levy figure may need to be revised according to the adjusted budgets following appropriate discussions with our members.

As further understanding of our spending plans, I can reiterate that GPDF are committed to reducing the reserves to £10 million, and we continue to listen to a wide spectrum of voices on how best to do this. Budgets aren't totally within the Board's control, particularly to allow us to have funds available to meet projects proposed by National GPCs, and also defence cases for GPs. The figures below demonstrate that a 3p levy rate for two years would reduce GPDF's reserves to about £15m, as demonstrated in the table below:

	2025/26	26/27
	(3p)	(3p)
Levy Income	2,088,000	2,088,000
Investment income	425,000	286,448
Expenditure	3,073,000	3,165,190
Net change	(686,200)	(790,742)
Open balance	16,600,000	15,913,800
Net change	(686,200)	(790,742)

	2025/26	26/27
	(3p)	(3p)
Levy Income	2,088,000	2,088,000
Closing balance	15,913,800	15,123,058

Change in personnel

On 13th January 2025, Dr Ben Curtis resigned from the Board. Dr Girish Chawla has been appointed by the Board to replace Dr Curtis, having received the next highest number of votes from our AGM in 2023. We are excited to have Dr Chawla who is Cleveland LMC's Interim CEO (job share) and Chair of LMC Board and brings a wealth of experience to the Board. Ratification of Dr Chawla and Dr Tumurugoti will now happen at our AGM in September 2025.

Thank you for your feedback

You will be aware from [previous correspondence](#) that we are committed to open, honest, accountable communication and we welcome scrutiny as we hold ourselves accountable to our [core values which include high standards of internal corporate governance](#). As we navigate these tumultuous times 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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