



Support from GPDF re PCNs

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Support to general practice

- **We strengthen the ‘voice’ of GPs and Local Medical Committees at a nationally representative level**
- **We provide funding for LMC Conferences**
- **Fund initiatives that support effective functioning of LMCs and general practice**
- **Fund interventions in legal and other related matters that benefit LMCs and general practice**
- **Engage in dialogue with LMCs, the GPC/BMA, and others to share knowledge and to promote unity across the profession**

Support re PCNs

- **GPDF arranged to have a series of documents and templates related to Primary Care Networks prepared by legal advisors with LMC input**
- A series of 'Model Clinical Director' agreements and contracts
- **Guidance notes** – *Structuring PCN; employing staff for PCN; Employment & pensions; Governance, Accountability, Liabilities & Internal Arrangements; Contracts, Sub-Contracts & Service Delivery; VAT & Funding Implications*
- Can be found on the Library section at www.gpdf.org

Support re PCNs

- **PCN Email Advice Line for LMCs**
- Queries relating to the set-up/operation of PCNs can be sent to: -
- PCNenquiries@Penningtons.co.uk

- Available to LMCs until end March 2020.
- GP or Clinical Director with a question contacts LMC.
- LMCs collate queries and forward to email address above.

- FAQ document based on the queries received produced and updated.
- The FAQ document is located in the Library www.gpdf.org

Support: Legal cases

- **GPDF can fund interventions in legal and other related matters that benefit Local Medical Committees and general practice – could include PCN issues**
- Priority given to issues of ‘national importance’ related to LMCs and/or General Practice.
- Very Broad remit – easier to summarise areas excluded e.g.
- *Criminal matters: Libel / slander/ defamation: Professional performance issues: Issues outside England, Scotland or Wales: Issues covered by BMA*
- *Representation of a GP appearing ‘in front of’ Medical Practitioners Tribunals: Representation in relation to HMRC enquiries: Issues related to NHS Pensions and NHS Pension providers:*
- *Requests where the practice or LMC is not contributing to the GPDF quota*
- Initial enquiry form on website www.gpdf.org

Support: LMC Development

- **GPDF can fund initiatives that support effective functioning of LMCs and general practice - could include PCN issues**
- **The LMC Development Grant Scheme**
- Supports development and effectiveness of LMCs (and contribute to effective support by LMCs to General Practice, GPs and PCNs).
- This is a fund for 'projects' over and above 'normal LMC business' and not for recurring expenditure, and the scheme is focussed on providing Grants (not Loans or Investments) to LMCs.
- Two opportunities each year, to apply for funding – next one is July (for award in October)
- Collaboration between LMCs would be particularly welcome.
- More details on website www.gpdf.org

Support to general practice

- We are extremely aware that we must seek to deliver the very best value for the contributions from GPs (received via LMCs)
- Reduced the quota by 25% in 2020 (further to 10% reduction in 2019)
- No reduction in funding/support will result in a reduction of accumulated funds
- Rebated just under £1M to LMCs – to use as they wish (including on PCN issues)
- Driving down our operating costs via tendering for support services



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