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LMC Newsletter

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LMC Executive

It was with regret that we bid farewell to our Medical Secretary, Ian Millington following his retirement at the end of March 2015. We knew that it would be impossible to replicate him and took the decision to divide the post with a Medical Secretary working two sessions per week and a part-time Executive officer / Company Secretary working twenty hours per week.

Dr Ashok Rayani has been appointed to the role of Medical Secretary. He is already known to many of you but for those not familiar with him he has been a GP in Swansea for 30 years and fortunately remains enthusiastic and passionate about being involved in ensuring the sustainability of Primary led care.

Morag Liddell, the newly appointed Executive Officer will be known to many of you, having been involved in the running of the GP OOH service since the Swansea GP co-op was established in 1996. She looks forward to the challenges of her new role and working with a great bunch of people!

The LMC Executive team are all happy to be contacted to discuss any issues relating to GMS and related services. We thought it might be helpful, especially for some of the GPs who have qualified in recent years, to let you know who is who in the LMC. We have recently co-opted four LMC members onto the Executive to provide additional support and plan to formalise these changes at the next AGM.

THE LMC EXECUTIVE



**Chairman
Nimish Shah**

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**Vice Chairman
Ian Harris**

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**Medical Secy
Ashok Rayani**

Tel:



**Liaison Officer
Alan Stevenson**

Tel:



**LMC Member
(co-opted)
Heather Wilkes**



**LMC Member
(co-opted)
Lamah El-Shakawi**



**LMC Member
(co-opted)
Jan Kletta**

**LMC Member
(co-opted)
Paul Williams**



**Executive Officer
Morag Liddell**

**PA
Lorraine Rudd**

LMC Members (elected)

Bridgend

Jerome Donagh
Peter Evans
Ian Harris
Jan Kletta
Phil Morgan

Neath Port Talbot

Clive Rosser
Alan Stevenson
Vijay Venkatraman
Heather Wilkes
Paul Williams

Swansea

Dan Anantharaj
Andy Bradley
Charlie Danino
Lamah El-Sharkawi
Sandar Hlaing
Akter Hussain
Charlotte Jones
Kannan
Muthuvairavan
Ashok Rayani
VACANCY X 1

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Oak Aung-Kyi
Steve Bassett
Emmanuel Owoso
Anny Pritchard
Nimish Shah
VACANCY X 5

The LMC exists to represent all GPs in the area with members elected every 3 years. The next round of elections will not be held until 2017 but we would like to fill the Vacancy in Swansea and the five sessional vacancies as soon as possible to ensure full representation in all constituencies. If you are interested in becoming involved please contact the LMC Office.

PRACTICE VISITS: Ashok Rayani plans to start a rolling programme of visits to practices to introduce himself and get direct feedback from you and your teams and also to let you know how the LMC can support you. We will start with those Practices which do not have representation on the LMC. Good communication is essential and we would particularly like to hear how you think we could improve this. Eg Do you use the LMC Website and if not what do we need to do to make it attractive to you. Are there issues not being covered in the newsletter which should be?

DNAR DOCUMENTATION

The new forms are due to come into use on 1 August 2015. Reports have been received that there is an expectation from some HBs and WAST that these will be mandatory and the forms currently in use will not be recognised. The GPC/LMCs will not support this proposal and are seeking assurances that forms which have already been completed will be accepted.

GOOD NEWS – Sara Hayes has informed us that from a 5 day survey, pregnant mums in ABMU have reported the best uptake of pertussis and influenza across Wales with both being above 75%. Congratulations to the midwives and GPs and the mums themselves for such a good result.

DATIX REPORTING SYSTEM

The LMC encourages you to use the Primary care module of the ABMU Datix recording system to record Significant events and other incidents (including 'good' events / incidents). The print function is now working. We've had mixed feedback about the system and would welcome any comments you have good or bad. The link to access it is;

http://7a3b7svmdatixlv/datix/live/index.php?module=INC&form_id=7

ENHANCED SERVICES

The LMC is having regular meetings with ABMU to discuss ES processes. We can confirm that an annual uplift in line with the annual GMS uplift has been agreed.

GP Clusters in Wales.

We have now entered the 2nd year of the 3-year cluster development programme. GPC Wales continues to hear very mixed reports across Wales of cluster experiences where some clusters are flourishing yet others are struggling to understand the concept and vision. These differing views were also confirmed in our recent cluster survey.

Why clusters?

- Clusters working together can support individual practices thus enabling them to be more sustainable for the future. General Practice is in a very challenging place right now with ever increasing demand and pressures which have combined to remove the “joy” of General Practice and putting off doctors from entering or remain in in General Practice. Working collaboratively together can, if developed properly, support individual practices.
- “Working at scale” is inevitable – this does not necessarily mean formally merging or federating but is something practices need to be aware of.
- All Welsh Govt policies are predicated on small groupings of practices working together with partners across health and social care but none have delivered.

So what support can I expect for cluster working?

- We will be shortly sending out a variety of information to practices including:
 1. Welsh “Focus on” document which sets out the vision for GP clusters across Wales.
 2. A guide to collaborative working which gives ideas for clusters to consider – these range from sharing educational sessions / buying groups through to sharing staff etc.
 3. An electronic link to our GPC Wales strategy document “General Practice: a prescription for a healthy future” which has 8 chapters on main issues affecting Welsh General Practice
 4. Link to GPC UK document “Quality first: managing workload to deliver safe patient care” which is an excellent document to help practices day to day
 5. Links to the GPC UK network list server group where networks / federations / clusters can share ideas / concerns and have access to the GPC UK resources where clusters can utilise learning from other parts of the UK.
- GPC Wales will be working with Welsh Government to ensure issues identified from the survey relating to support for clusters are addressed: these include support from HBs to clusters, feedback between meetings, resources being made available, project management support, remuneration, ensuring accountability and governance frameworks are in place and looking at other options to address issues with locum backfill.

We will keep clusters updated on progress and are always pleased to receive feedback / comments at info.gpcwales@bma.org.uk