



SESSIONAL GP/TRAINEE REPRESENTATION

Sheffield LMC's constitution was amended in September 2000 to ensure that all sessional GPs are offered the opportunity to be represented by the LMC.

If a sessional GP is working regular sessions in a Sheffield GP practice, (ie a minimum of one session a week or equivalent over a twelve month period) the practice's contribution to the LMC's levies covers that doctor's fee. GPs who are not working regular sessions in a levy paying practice are asked to pay £75 per annum.

In addition, the LMC offers free representation to Sheffield GP Trainees throughout their training.

The benefits of being represented include:

- support and advice on a large number of issues, such as professional conduct, financial matters (eg legitimate financial claims that can be made by doctors), requests for information from solicitors, the police, insurance companies etc;
- receipt of a monthly newsletter that offers advice on current "hot" issues and gives GPs the opportunity to submit articles and disseminate information;
- receipt of a monthly vacancy bulletin that advertises vacancies and doctors available for work, and the ability to advertise a post or availability in the bulletin;
- receipt of urgent and important information via LMC newsflashes;
- receipt of guidance/policy documents produced by the LMC;
- receipt of guidance/policy documents produced by organisations such as the British Medical Association (BMA) and the General Practitioners Committee (GPC), or notification of its availability;
- the opportunity to use the expertise of the medical and administrative staff employed by the LMC;
- the ability to influence national debate and policy setting through the GPC.

Sessional GPs who are represented by the LMC and are on a Medical Performers List, can stand for election or co-option to the LMC. There are also two co-opted Trainee places on the committee. As committee members, sessional GPs and Trainees are able to represent the views of their colleagues at LMC meetings, where important topical issues are debated and policy decisions are influenced or made.

Further information about the work of the LMC can be found on the LMC's website at:

<http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/LocalMedicalCommittee-Nov16.pdf>

If you are a sessional GP or a Trainee and would like to be represented by Sheffield LMC, please complete and return the *Sessional GP/Trainee Request for Sheffield LMC Representation* proforma available in the *Facts & Information* section of the LMC website at:

http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/11%20Sessional_GP_Request_for_SLMC_Representation.docx

If you require further information or would like the opportunity to discuss representation prior to submitting a completed proforma, please do not hesitate to contact the LMC Manager via email manager@sheffieldlmc.org.uk or telephone (0114) 2588755.