LOCUM GP REPRESENTATION



GUIDANCE FOR LOCUM GPS

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Sheffield LMC is an independent body representing individual Sheffield GPs, and with statutory functions to represent the interests of general practice.

If a Locum GP is working regular sessions in a Sheffield GP practice, ie a minimum of 1 session a week or equivalent over a 12 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.

The benefits of being represented include:

- Support and advice on a large number of issues, such as professional conduct, practice claims and expenses, requests for information from solicitors, the police, insurance companies etc.
- Receipt of a monthly newsletter that offers advice on current hot topics, and gives GPs the opportunity to submit articles and disseminate information.
- Receipt of a monthly bulletin that advertises job vacancies and doctors available for work, and the ability to advertise a post or availability for work 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.

If you are a Locum GP and would like to be represented by Sheffield LMC, please complete and return the proforma available here.

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 Margaret Wicks, LMC Manager via manager@sheffieldlmc.org.uk or (0114) 2588755.

Locum GPs who are represented by the LMC and are on the Medical Performers List can stand for election to the LMC. As Committee members, Locum GPs 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. Historically, Locum GPs have been underrepresented both locally and nationally. You are an important part of the modern workforce in these difficult and changing times, and we would welcome your voice on the Committee.

Further information about the work of the LMC can be found here.