

SHEFFIELD LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE

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RECRUITMENT OF LMC EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Sheffield LMC's current Term of Office is due to end on 30 November 2016. As you will be aware, General Practice is facing significant workload and capacity challenges and it is essential, for the LMC to survive and continue to adequately represent and support Sheffield GPs, that we future proof the Executive and the Committee.

LMCs are the professional organisations with responsibility for representing individual GPs and are not a Trade Union. We represent principal, sessional and locum GPs who contribute to the LMC's levies, as well as GP Trainees, and all Sheffield GP practices currently contribute to the levies. As such, we believe that we are the only truly representative body of General Practice with a constitutional mandate.

We negotiate on behalf of General Practice with many organisations, including Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the local NHS England Area Team, Sheffield City Council, Secondary Care Trusts etc, and we believe that we are held in high regard as an organisation, both by our colleagues and other parties in the NHS.

We currently fund 8 Executive sessions per week, whereas in 2010 we funded 11.5 sessions per week. In view of this reduction and the end of the current Term of Office, we are looking to recruit new Executive members. Whilst the work of the Executive is at times challenging, more often it is educational, interesting and enjoyable. We also believe that it is an ideal opportunity for doctors to network with their colleagues in Primary Care, Secondary Care and other organisations.

Any GP that is contributing to the LMC's levies (via a Sheffield practice or directly) is eligible to stand for election to the Committee and subsequently take up an Executive post. Some experience of medical politics is desirable, but not essential. More important is a desire to become involved in medical politics and the work of Sheffield LMC. Information about the work of the LMC can be found via <http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/Downloads/LMC%20Guide.pdf>.

Meetings of the full Committee are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at Tapton Hall. Meetings of the LMC Executive are held twice a month (currently Wednesday lunchtime/early afternoon) and each Executive member has a portfolio of topics/meeting attendance according to their areas of special interest, sessional commitment, availability etc. New members are able to shadow the current Executive initially and work with the Executive and Secretariat to fulfil training and development needs.

For the remainder of the current Term of Office, we are looking to fill 2 sessions per week; either 1 doctor working 2 sessions or 2 doctors working 1 session each. Sessions are not a fixed weekly commitment or time that has to be spent at the LMC office, as meeting schedules and workloads fluctuate and have to work around each Executive member's practice commitments. However, it is recognition of the amount of work involved.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity with a member of the Executive or require further information prior to making a decision, please do not hesitate to contact the LMC Secretariat via manager@sheffieldlmc.org.uk or (0114) 2588755 to arrange this.

If you would like to express an interest in joining the LMC Executive, it would be appreciated if you could confirm this in writing to secretary@sheffieldlmc.org.uk.