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LMC conference elections to the General Practitioners Committee – important information

Dear Colleague

At the 2015 LMC Conference, changes were approved to standing order 74, which sets out the process for elections for seven members of the BMA General Practitioners Committee (GPC). We are writing to remind you of these changes and to seek nominations to GPC for 2016/17.

Please note that nominations for these seats must be received by 5:00pm on Monday 9 May 2016. Any nominations received after this time will not be accepted. Interested candidates must return the attached nomination form, with their election statement of no more than 50 words and photograph (see below) to elections@bma.org.uk by the deadline.

Nominees are now also asked to supply a photograph for inclusion on the ballot paper. A suitable photograph should be sent as an electronic attachment to the email address above, with the nomination form and statement.

Please also note there will be no hustings taking place this year.

Further information and instructions for candidates are included in the attached nomination form.

Eligibility for six of the seats

Candidates do not have to be a representative of a Local Medical Committee (LMC) at conference. Any registered medical practitioner whose exclusive or predominant medical commitment is to providing personally or performing NHS primary medical services for at least two sessions a week, whether a member of the conference or not, is eligible for nomination providing that such a level of commitment has been maintained for at least the period of the six months immediately prior to the election, allowing

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for any maternity, sickness or study leave absence. All GPs on the retainer scheme, and medically qualified LMC secretaries, are eligible for nomination regardless of their level of commitment to providing or performing NHS primary medical services.

Eligibility for the seventh seat

For the seventh seat, **only an LMC representative at conference may be nominated**, and that LMC representative **must never have previously sat on the GPC**. This LMC representative must also be a registered medical practitioner whose exclusive or predominant medical commitment is to providing personally or performing NHS primary medical services for at least two sessions a week, providing that such a level of commitment has been maintained for at least the period of the six months immediately prior to the election, allowing for any maternity, sickness or study leave absence.

Early Career General Practitioners

The GPC's Representation Subcommittee has considered options for increasing the number of early career GP members on GPC. As a result, permission from representatives will be sought at the beginning of conference to hold a ballot during conference to enable a suitable early career GP to be co-opted onto GPC for 2016/17. An 'early career' GP is defined as a GP within **five years of their Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT)** i.e. candidates must have gained their CCT after 19 May 2011.

Further information on this process, as well as nomination forms for any interested candidates, will be available at conference.

Any questions about the GPC elections at LMC conference can be sent to elections@bma.org.uk.

Yours sincerely



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Chair of LMC Conference