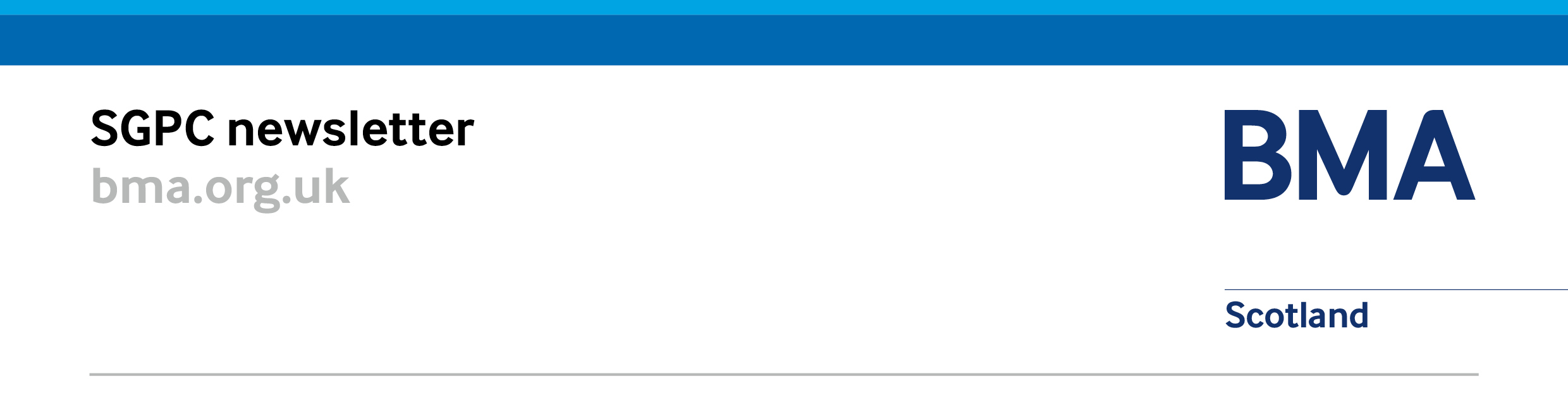
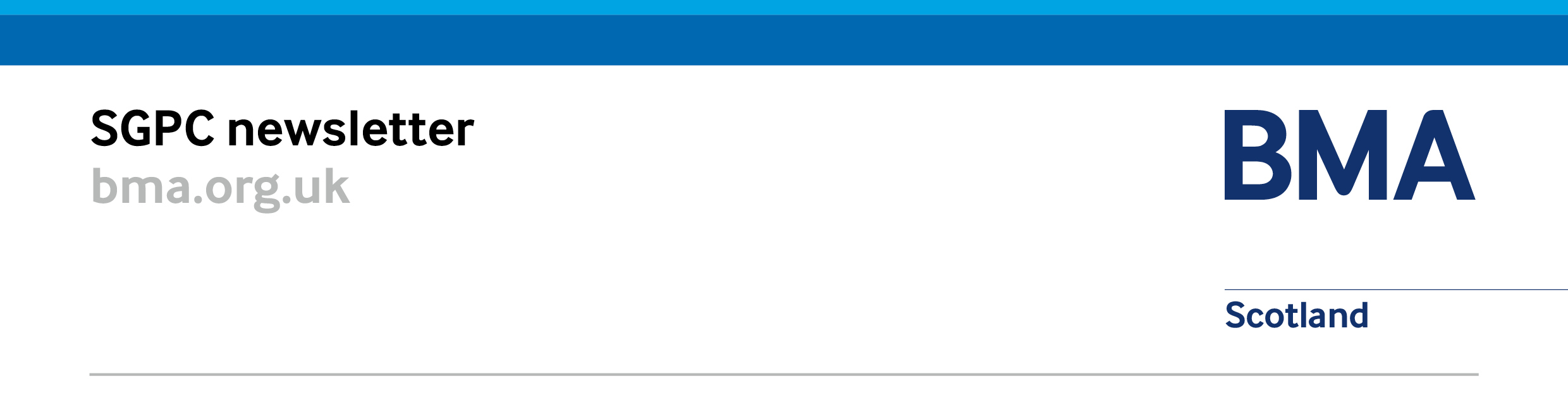
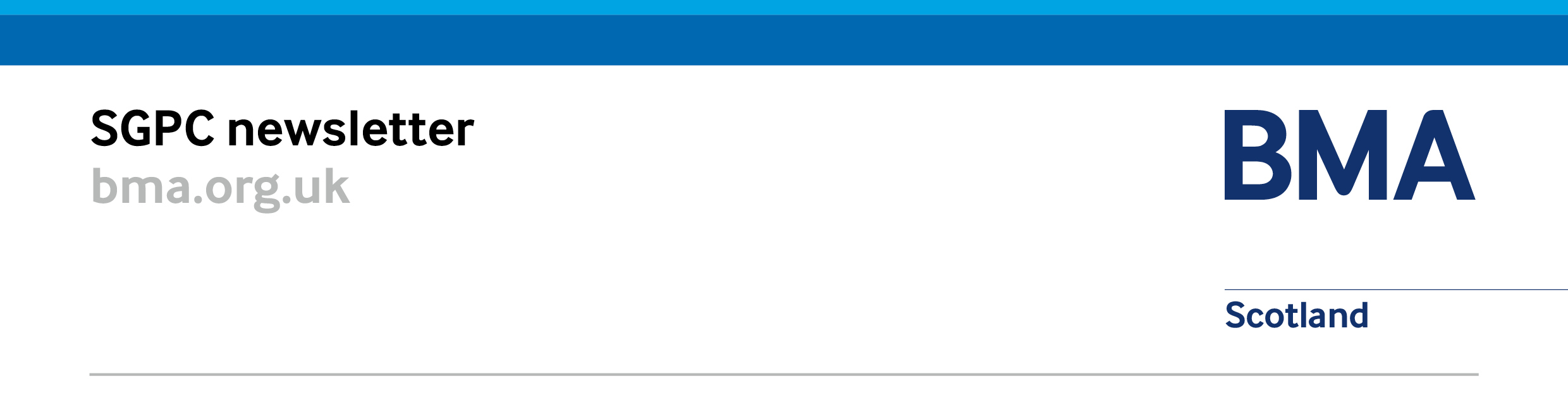
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# Negotiating issues and contracts

## GP sustainability loan application and scheme

The legal terms of the GP sustainability premises loans are still being finalised, we anticipate that this process will be completed in November.

## Funding for Improvements to GP practices

The Scottish Government announced a £9.34 million investment to upgrade premises and IT systems supporting better services for local communities on 24 October. It will improve internet connectivity and also support the deployment of Attend Anywhere - an online virtual clinic that patients can link into wherever they are. Further details are available [online](https://www.gov.scot/news/funding-for-improvements-to-gp-practices/) on the specific funding for premises, digitisation of paper records, and internet connectivity amongst other areas. In response a blog has been published by deputy chair, Patricia Moultrie on the [BMA Scotland blog page](https://bmascotland.home.blog/2019/10/24/9million-to-improve-patient-care/).

## Implementation of Phase 1 meeting

The HSCP local implementation progress trackers were due in October 2019 and were discussed at the National Oversight Group on 6 November. A meeting of all the LMC leads was hosted by SGPC the following day to discuss contract updates, the progress of implementation of phase 1 and delivery of the 6 key priorities as identified in the MoU. Following on from these two meetings the Chair of SGPC sent out [this update](https://bmascotland.home.blog/2019/11/08/implementing-the-gp-contract-the-challenges-we-face/) outlining concerns at progress and what needs to change.

## Primary Care Improvement Fund Letter

A Primary Care Improvement Fund letter was sent out to LMCs and Chief Officers on 23 October, which detailed that PCIF could be used to support limited and non-recurring investments in IT, premises or training. However, we would emphasise that this should only occur with explicit agreement between the HSCP and LMC/GP subcommittee and where this will have a direct, immediate and positive impact on ability of the HSCP to deliver the service required under the MOU by April 2021.

## Health and Sport Committee – Phase 2 Primary Care Inquiry

The SGPC chair attended the Health and Sport Committee, Phase 2, Primary Care Inquiry on 1 October, where he highlighted the lack of investment in general practice with share of NHS resources dropping from 9% to 7%; the need for more GPs, especially partners; the National Conversation to explain MDT services to patients. The official draft report of the is available online via the [Scottish Parliament website](http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=12291).

# Workforce

## PMS (GP Practice Data) (Scotland) Directions 2019 and Data Collection

The Scottish Government sent the [Primary Medical Services (GP Practice Data) (Scotland) Directions 2019](https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2019(M)11.pdf) to GP practices, primary care leads on 23 September 2019. The directions describe the data collection exercise that will inform negotiations on the second phase of the new GP contract. The data is needed to fully understand the current expenses of running a GP practice, the income of salaried GPs and the income of GP partners as well as the hours worked by individual GPs. This data is necessary to calculate the total costs of introducing a consultant comparable income scale for GPs. The data tool to collect the information will be sent to practices around the 18th November.

SGPC would like to request that LMCs encourage their GP practices to submit data (earnings, expenses, hours/sessions) as obtaining accurate and comprehensive information is essential to inform the negotiation of phase 2. Personal data will be held securely by NSS and only provided to the negotiating parties in aggregated form. Individuals’ data provided solely for purposes of negotiation will subsequently be deleted upon completion of negotiations.

## MDT Survey

An MDT Survey was sent out on 22 October to all LMC secretaries. The survey purpose was to produce a snapshot of information on the MoU services established within practices ahead of the Scottish LMC Conference and to inform negotiations between SGPC and Scottish Government. The deadline for submission of data was 8 November.

## Final Report – Increasing Undergraduate Education in Primary Care Review Group

An additional £5 million investment from Scottish Government into medical student teaching by GPs was announced recently. This was the result of recommendations made within the [Undergraduate medical education in Scotland: Enabling more general practice based teaching – Final Report](https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/publication/2019/10/undergraduate-medical-education-scotland-enabling-more-general-practice-based-teaching/documents/undergraduate-medical-education-scotland-enabling-more-general-practice-based-teaching-final-report/undergraduate-medical-education-scotland-enabling-more-general-practice-based-teaching-final-report/govscot%3Adocument/undergraduate-medical-education-scotland-enabling-more-general-practice-based-teaching-final-report.pdf) published on 27 October by Professor John Gillies, chair of the Increasing Undergraduate Education in Primary Care Review Group. SGPC chair has posted a [blog](https://bmascotland.home.blog/2019/10/30/funding-to-encourage-more-student-training/) in response welcoming this announcement.

# Information Management and Technology

## Scottish Joint GP IT Group

The sixth meeting of the Scottish Joint GP IT Group is scheduled for 13 November which will discuss SNOMED CT and GP IT Re-Provisioning, dispensing IT, the data sharing agreement and primary care IT infrastructure. The remit of the group is to support a coordinated strategic approach to GP information management and communications technologies projects within the NHS.

## GP IT Re-Provisioning

The NSS GP IT Re-Provisioning Team have sent an updated communication to NHS boards and GP practices via their NHS Board Implementation Project Leads in early October 2019. The update reports that the delivery timescale, as set out in the Framework Agreement, will not be met. Latest updates from the Framework Suppliers suggest that estimated deployment timescales are now as follows:

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| **Supplier** | **First Deployment Date\*** |
| Vision | Winter 2020/21 |
| EMIS | Summer 2021 |
| Microtest | Later than Summer 2021  (an updated delivery plan is expected by the end of October 2019) |

\*The First Deployment Date is the first possible date that the new GP IT Managed Service could begin to be used within a GP Practice in Scotland. This follows the selection process, where the GP IT system has been chosen by a Cohort of GP Practices.

The Re-provisioning team will also engage with each NHS Board on an individual basis to discuss the preparation activities that are appropriate to be progressed, based on the specific local circumstances. Should you require any further information regarding the update, please speak to your local eHealth team or contact the national Project Team directly at [nss.gpitre-provisioning-scotland@nhs.net](mailto:nss.gpitre-provisioning-scotland@nhs.net) .

# For information

## SLMC Conference

The SLMC Conference Agenda Committee had its penultimate meeting on 24 October to discuss and finalise the conference motions and agenda, arrangements, structure and timetable. The final agenda is due to be published on 1 November with various motions on eHealth, contracts and negotiations, and premises, and opportunity to hear from the cabinet secretary for health and sport, Ms Jeane Freeman MSP, and time for negotiators questions from the conference floor. This year the agenda committee will also be running a training session on the morning of conference, from 08:15 in the Cameronia room at Golden Jubilee Conference Hotel which would be available to all new delegates as well as provide a refresher to those who wish to attend.

## Join us in continuing the fight against rising oral cancer in Scotland

***Please find below an announcement from BDA Scotland:*** Oral cancers in Scotland are among the fastest rising cancers in Scotland and kill more than three times as many people as car accidents. We are encouraging doctors to join with the British Dental Association by raising awareness among your patients, and (if required) encouraging them to visit the dentist promptly if they have any symptoms.

At the BDA, we know that dentists play a vital role in detecting oral cancers. Last year we published an [Oral Cancer Action Plan](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bda.org%2Fabout-the-bda%2Fcampaigns%2FDocuments%2Foral_cancer%2520plan_scotland.pdf&data=02%7C01%7Cama%40bma.org.uk%7C4a35dc91dae942773a2c08d766977b0e%7Cbf448ebee65f40e69e3133fdaa412880%7C0%7C1%7C637090673108167186&sdata=%2FfM5xKTboNnW3DU5zfx93PmkNIEW5tbJyCmvicF7Vxo%3D&reserved=0) that sets out the key trends in oral cancer, including incidence, mortality and estimated costs, and is structured around three key themes: prevention, early detection and joined-up services. It also contains a number of recommendations for the Scottish Government and NHS Boards. Since publishing the Plan, we have surveyed NHS Boards on their progress in implementing the actions, urged the Scottish Government to introduce [an HPV catch-up programme for boys](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bda.org%2Fnews-centre%2Fpress-releases%2Fcatch-up-programme-for-hpv-cannot-be-optional-extra-for-scottish-government&data=02%7C01%7Cama%40bma.org.uk%7C4a35dc91dae942773a2c08d766977b0e%7Cbf448ebee65f40e69e3133fdaa412880%7C0%7C1%7C637090673108167186&sdata=OjRozPs86zni%2FIg2IBQa2QTdbqqJWnynyFVRkzV8LNk%3D&reserved=0), and highlighted [the importance of early detection](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bda.org%2Fnews-centre%2Fblog%2FPages%2Foral-cancer-why-early-detection-is-key.aspx&data=02%7C01%7Cama%40bma.org.uk%7C4a35dc91dae942773a2c08d766977b0e%7Cbf448ebee65f40e69e3133fdaa412880%7C0%7C1%7C637090673108177175&sdata=Qb9hJX58%2FBvl01VR8iLawX2N09dfvOdSpBT8pNnYy4Y%3D&reserved=0) in surviving oral cancer.

Please also read our [factsheet](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bda.org%2Fabout-the-bda%2Fcampaigns%2Foralcancer%2FDocuments%2FBDA-OOCWG-Factsheet-Final-Sept%25202018.pdf&data=02%7C01%7Cama%40bma.org.uk%7C4a35dc91dae942773a2c08d766977b0e%7Cbf448ebee65f40e69e3133fdaa412880%7C0%7C1%7C637090673108177175&sdata=S1Aqhwz2iUKEG62sThuX4Sd%2Fa9LgtTzKyM%2FmXdLbSm8%3D&reserved=0) which outlines some of the key definitions, epidemiology, risk factors and prevention measures, and visit the [oral cancer section on our website](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bda.org%2Fabout-the-bda%2Fcampaigns%2Foralcancer&data=02%7C01%7Cama%40bma.org.uk%7C4a35dc91dae942773a2c08d766977b0e%7Cbf448ebee65f40e69e3133fdaa412880%7C0%7C1%7C637090673108187165&sdata=jeUDKzybz%2BGn0RSP1QoTk0Vz7Ie%2BcA3kb9%2F%2FJl%2Frulo%3D&reserved=0). Information for patients is also available from the [Oral Health Foundation](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dentalhealth.org%2F%3Fgclid%3DEAIaIQobChMIrdqowYXU3gIVFIbVCh3GFQjsEAAYASAAEgLuB_D_BwE&data=02%7C01%7Cama%40bma.org.uk%7C4a35dc91dae942773a2c08d766977b0e%7Cbf448ebee65f40e69e3133fdaa412880%7C0%7C1%7C637090673108187165&sdata=DmaQLgdhTxQwX3S3y7proJEsGcJAM28du2HnGLIKNJg%3D&reserved=0).

## LMC and GP Subcommittee Board Visits

The SGPC Negotiating team are keen to engage with LMCs and see the progress of implementation first hand. The chair recently visited Fife LMC on 2 October attending a contract update event. If your LMC is also interested in a visit from our team, please do get in contact with us at [info.gpscotland@bma.org.uk](mailto:info.gpscotland@bma.org.uk). We would welcome the chance to arrange a visit to your area.

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| **LMCs are reminded they can contact Andrea Ma, SGPC secretariat for more details (**[ama@bma.org.uk](mailto:ama@bma.org.uk)**).**  **Our SGPC Negotiating Team**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  | C:\Users\patricia\Pictures\.jpg | | ***Dr Andrew Cowie***  ***Deputy Chair, SGPC*** | ***Dr Andrew Buist***  ***Chair, SGPC*** | ***Dr Patricia Moultrie***  ***Deputy Chair, SGPC*** |   **Any emails for the SGPC negotiating team should be submitted to** [info.gpscotland@bma.org.uk](mailto:info.gpscotland@bma.org.uk) **Your ideas about achievable measures to reduce pressure on general practice are always welcome.  We can’t respond to every email, but all emails are read and considered by the team.** |

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