In your area: Midlands region

Supporting you locally
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Our mission:
We look after doctors so they can look after you.

Our values:

Expert
We are an indispensable source of credible information, guidance and support throughout doctors’ professional lives.

Committed
We are committed to all doctors and place them at the heart of every decision we make.

Reliable
We are doctors’ first port of call because we are trusted and dependable.

Challenging
We are unafraid to challenge effectively on behalf of all doctors.

Leading
We are an influential leader in supporting the profession and improving the health of our nation.
BMA regional councils operate in England. Regional councils are open to all BMA members and provide a forum for discussing matters of regional interest and issues affecting the profession across all branches of practice. There are ten regional councils in England:

- East Midlands
- Eastern
- London
- North East
- North Western
- South Central
- South East Coast
- South West
- West Midlands
- Yorkshire and Humber

The West Midlands regional council (WMRC) provides a focus for BMA activity at a regional level, delivering BMA policy and providing a communication link between the council and the BMA UK council. The WMRC covers the West Midlands, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Herefordshire, and brings together all BMA members to discuss issues affecting the profession. You can raise issues with the WMRC via email: info.wmrc@bma.org.uk
Representing members at a local level

Committees meet regularly to consider issues affecting the medical profession and patient healthcare in the West Midlands region and are supported by BMA staff from the member relations directorate.

Every BMA member in the West Midlands region is allocated to one of 8 local divisions, which represent members in all disciplines geographically. Active divisions have a secretary, a chair and other executive committee members. BMA divisions submit motions to the ARM (annual representative meeting) which, if passed, become national BMA policy.

We have also established a network of LNCs (local negotiating committees) in trusts throughout the region. These committees ensure that the voice of the medical profession is heard by management in the workplace. Your representatives make sure that the interests of doctors are protected in negotiations on terms and conditions of service through these LNCs.

Representatives of all local LNCs meet as the regional LNC Forum to discuss all issues in the West Midlands region and to share best practice.

LMCs (Local Medical Committees) represent GPs and practice teams in their negotiations with decision makers and stakeholders from health and local government to get the best services for patients.

LMCs contribute to the wider activities of the BMA in the region but are not BMA committees, rather they are independent statutory bodies. Members of the LMC are elected by local GPs.
Representing branches of practice

Working across the West Midlands region, there are branch of practice committees that feed in local members’ comments and views to the national branch of practice committees.

**West Midlands regional consultants committees (WMRCC)**
This is the representative body for all consultants in the West Midlands region. WMRCC members are elected to the national consultants committee and provide an important link between the national body and the BMA locally.

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**West Midlands regional SAS committee (WMRSASC)**
West Midlands regional staff, associate specialists and specialty doctors committee

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**West Midlands regional junior doctor committee (WMRJDC)**
This is the voice of junior doctors living and working in the West Midlands region – it represents members locally, regionally and nationally and sends representatives to the central junior doctors committee.

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Divisions

All BMA members are allocated to a local division. Divisions provide an opportunity for members to discuss issues that impact on all branches of a practice and to debate local matters with other members in the area.

If you are actively involved with your division, don’t miss out on the D circulars which contain important information about upcoming events such as the ARM (Annual Representative Meeting). You can also download our support guide on our website for honorary secretaries describing what divisions can do.

Honorary secretaries
Birmingham – Dr Fay Wilson
Black Country – Dr Johann Nicholas
Burton & District – Dr Stephen Millar
Coventry & Warwickshire – Dr Emma Hodgkins
North & Mid Staffordshire – Dr Roslyn Negrycz
Shropshire – Dr Shehla Imam
Solihull – Dr Pooja Arora
Worcestershire & Herefordshire – Dr John O’Driscoll

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LMCs (local medical committees)

LMCs (local medical committees) are local representative committees of NHS GPs and represent the interests of all NHS GPs in their localities to the NHS health authorities. They interact and work with – and through – the general practitioners committee, as well as other branch of practice committees and local specialist medical committees in various ways, including conferences.

The LMC conference takes place annually and, locally LMCs hold various social and educational events throughout the year.

**LMC contacts**

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LNCs (local negotiating committees)

LNCs (local negotiating committees) are made up of elected local representatives who negotiate — and have the authority to make collective agreements — with local management on behalf of medical and dental staff of all grades.

LNC committee chairs:
Birmingham & Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust — Dr Alison Reed
Birmingham Children’s Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust — Dr Karl Johnson
Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust — Dr Kathy Warren
Birmingham Women’s NHS Foundation Trust — Dr Adrian Yoong
Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust — Dr Lisa Blissitt
Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust — Dr Mohamed Nisar
Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust — Dr Harm Boer
Dudley & Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust — Dr Michael Slowik
Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust — Dr Ashraf El Dalil
George Eliot NHS Trust — Mr Deyhim Foroughi
Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust — Dr Marcus Mottershead
North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust — Dr Stephen Dover
Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust — Dr Simon Hill
Royal Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust — Dr Marcus Green
Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust — Mr Andrew Garnham
Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust — Dr Derek Connolly
Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS Trust — Dr David Elcock
Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust — Dr Samantha Postings
South Staffordshire & Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust – Dr Malcolm Locke

South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust – Dr Bruce Gee

Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust – Dr Karl Hollows

University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust – Dr Richard Thompson

University Hospitals Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Trust – Dr Prakash Satodia

University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust – Dr Robert Butler

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust – Vacancy

Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust – Dr Umesh Udeshi

Worcestershire Health & Care NHS Trust – Dr Alison Lowe

Wye Valley NHS Trust – Dr Edward Sharp

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Offices and facilities in your area

Our regional centre for the West Midlands is located in Birmingham, from where we represent approximately 12,000 BMA members.

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Members are welcome to use the members’ lounge, library and a range of facilities at BMA House. For more information call 020 7387 4499.

Video conference facilities
You can use Scopia® video conferencing to connect remotely to meetings held at the regional centre or other BMA offices from a desktop or mobile device. Download the Scopia app to connect to a meeting on a mobile device; or click on http://webvc.bma.org.uk if you’re joining from a desktop and then enter the meeting reference number(s) that will be provided to you for each meeting.

More information
If you have any questions, or would like more information about being a BMA representative, get in touch with Alan Roberts on 0151 702 8408.
We employ a team of experienced and specialist staff to support members in all branches of practice. We provide advice on terms and conditions of service and take up issues on our members’ behalf with employers, and represent members at grievance disputes and disciplinary hearings.

We also undertake detailed negotiations and consultations with government and NHS employers, making sure that the voice of the medical profession is heard, and that doctors’ views are effectively communicated at every level. These are the Industrial relations officers (IROs) for the West Midlands region, with the employers they cover:

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- Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust
- Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust
- University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust

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– Royal Wolverhampton Hospital NHS Trust  
– South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust  
– University Hospitals Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Trust  
– Worcestershire Acute Hospital NHS Trust  
– Worcestershire Health & Care NHS Trust  
– Wye Valley NHS Trust
Childcare

We have a family-friendly fund to help our committee members participate fully in current expenses-qualifying activities. We can provide care facilities for children under 14 years and adults and children requiring care. If you require care for a dependent you must request this four weeks before the event or meeting. For more information or for an application form contact your committee secretariat or BMA staff contact. See [www.bma.org.uk/about-the-bma/equality-and-diversity/care-guidelines](http://www.bma.org.uk/about-the-bma/equality-and-diversity/care-guidelines) for the full guidelines and conditions.

You can claim for reasonable childcare costs incurred while attending BMA meetings as follows:

- The expenses should be those which are necessary, reasonable and additional to the childcare costs you would be paying had you not been attending a BMA meeting on the day in question. For example; an additional amount paid to a casual carer because of an earlier start and/or later finish; paying for childcare on a day when you would otherwise be looking after the child/children yourself.

- Free childcare is available at BMA House (in the form of a mobile crèche), provided you give sufficient notice for meetings at BMA House.

- If you bring your children with you, please use transport companies offer of free travel for children and babies — children under five years travel free on trains and children under two years travel free on aeroplanes.

Contact the relevant committee secretary in advance of booking travel for more information and to seek approval of additional costs.