In your area: South West region

Supporting you locally
2016-17
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.
Your regional council

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

The South West Regional Council (SWRC) 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 SWRC brings together all BMA members across the South West region to discuss issues affecting the profession. You can raise issues with the SWRC via email: scusack@bma.org.uk
Representing members at a local level

Committees meet regularly to consider issues affecting the medical profession and patient healthcare in London and are supported by a small staff team.

Every BMA member in the South West region belongs to one of 14 local divisions, which represent members in all disciplines geographically. Each active division has a secretary, a chair and an executive committee including local representatives for each branch of practice. BMA divisions submit motions to the ARM (annual representative meeting) which, if passed, become national BMA policy. The Regional Council aims to support those areas without active divisions and can allocate places and submit motions to the ARM.

We have also established a network of LNCs (local negotiating committees) in trusts throughout the South West. 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 South West issues and to share best practice. The LNC Forum currently meets in conjunction with the SW Regional consultants committee. LMCs 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 South West but are not BMA committees, rather they are independent statutory bodies. LMCs also offer professional NHS bodies and local GPs. Members of the LMC are elected by local GPs.
Representing branches of practice

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

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

The SW RCC currently incorporates the Regional LNC Forum.

**Chair: Dr Phil de Warren Penny**
**E:** inbox.southwestcentre@bma.org.uk

**South West Regional SAS committee**
South West Regional SAS committee is the representative body for all SAS doctors in the South West region. Regional SASC members are elected to the UK SAS committee and provide an important link between the national body and the BMA locally.

**Chair: Mr Rajiv Kumar**
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**Regional junior doctor committees**
These committees are the voice of junior doctors living and working in a region – they represent members locally, regionally and nationally and send representatives to the main junior doctors committee.

Severn regional junior doctors committee

**Joint chairs: Matthew Brown and Joseph John**
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Peninsula regional junior doctors committee

**Chair: Dan Bunce**
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Divisions

All BMA members belong 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.

Where divisions are active information on current post holders and forthcoming meetings is available on the Division webpages: bma.org.uk/about-us/how-we-work/local-representation

If you are within an inactive/dormant division area and would be keen to help restart your division then please get in touch with your regional co-ordinator: Sean Cusack scusack@bma.org.uk

Divisions and their Honorary secretaries

Gloucestershire – Dr Bob Hodges
Bath District – inactive
Bristol – Dr Hammad Parwaiz
Swindon – Dr Debesh Mukherjee
Weston super Mare – inactive
Somerset – Dr Harry Yoxall
Salisbury – Mr Sathish Jayagopal
Exeter & Mid Devon – inactive
North Devon – Dr Elisabeth McElderry
South Devon – Dr Richard Rawlins
Plymouth – Miss Susan Wheatley
Cornwall – Dr Brian Guttridge
East Dorset – inactive
West Dorset – inactive

For more information please contact:
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LMCs (local medical committees)

LMCs 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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Covers: Dorset, Hampshire & Isle of Wight, BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire.

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Cornwall & Isles of Scilly LMC
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LNCs (local negotiating committees)

LNCs 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:**

AWP
— Alcuin Wilkie

Yeovil District Hospital
— Ahmar Ali Shah

University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust — Anoopam Jain

Weston Area Health NHS Trust — John O’Brien

Sirona Care and Health CIC
— Vacancy

2gether NHS Foundation Trust
— James Laidlaw

RUH Bath NHS Foundation Trust
— Noeleen Foley

Gloucestershire Care NHS Trust
— Paul Wilson

Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust — Peter Park

Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust — Robin Cooper

North Bristol NHS Trust — Venkat Iyer

Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust — Stanley Zengeya

Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust — William Ward

Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust — Radosveta Karadimova

Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust — Michael Creagh Barry

Royal Bournemouth & Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust — Nicholas Davies
Salisbury
NHS Foundation Trust – vacancy

Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust – Timothy Booth

Devon Partnership NHS Trust – Phil de Warren Penny

Northern Devon Healthcare
NHS Trust – Andrew Temple

Livewell Southwest – Naresh Buttan

Plymouth Hospitals
NHS Trust – Paul Youngs

Royal Cornwall Hospitals
NHS Trust – Jonathan Lord

Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust – Tawifique Daneshmund

Taunton & Somerset
NHS Foundation Trust – David Milliken

Torbay and South Devon
NHS Foundation Trust – Louise Robinson

For more information please contact:
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Industrial relations support

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.

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– AWP
– Yeovil District Hospital
– University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
– Weston Area Health NHS Trust
– Sirona Care and Health CIC
– RUH Bath NHS Foundation Trust
– Gloucestershire Care NHS Trust
– Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
– Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
– North Bristol NHS Trust
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– Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
– Devon Partnership NHS Trust
– Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust
– Peninsula Community Health
– Livewell Southwest
– Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust
– Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust
– Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Foundation Trust
– Taunton & Somerset NHS Foundation Trust
– Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust

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– Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
– Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust
– Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
– Royal Bournemouth & Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
– Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust
Offices and facilities in your area

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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 0207387 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](http://webvc.bma.org.uk) if you’re joining from a desktop and then enter the meeting reference number.  
Dial-in: enter number  
Meeting: ref enter number

**Social media links**  
Website: [www.bma.org.uk](http://www.bma.org.uk)  
Twitter: [http://twitter.com/TheBMA](http://twitter.com/TheBMA)  
YouTube: [http://www.youtube.com/user/BMAtv](http://www.youtube.com/user/BMAtv)
Childcare

We have a family-friendly fund to help all our 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 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.