Dear Colleagues

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As we are approaching the end of the year it is timely to remind you that the next ARM is only six months away.

In order to help you consider possible motions we will be sending out a series of policy briefing in the D4 circular going out week commencing 19 February 2018. This year, we are pleased to announce that colleagues will be receiving pre-ARM briefings on the following topics:

1. Brexit - Protecting worker rights
2. Global health & nutrition
3. Embryo research
4. Innovation
5. Mental health
6. Collaborative working across healthcare

You are more than welcome to generate motions outside of these topics – they are designed to be a helpful tool to highlight topical areas of interest emerging on the health-policy horizon as well as identify any gaps in BMA policy or policy ambiguity. Please note that the deadline for motions will be 9am on Friday 6 April 2018.

When you are having discussions in your division or committee about ARM motions please make sure that your meetings are quorate and that an audit trail exists in the rare circumstances you may need to justify any decisions. There is always the possibility that the ARM agenda committee is not able to anticipate the mood of your meeting, so don’t forget that we have the chosen motions ballot at the ARM itself which aims to correct things in those cases.

Motion drafting service

The BMA motion drafting service will be running again this year. As you know this service offers support and advice to anyone considering submitting a motion to the ARM or other BMA conferences. You can access these resources at: www.bma.org.uk/writingmotions. You will also have the opportunity to receive assistance from a member of BMA policy staff by emailing Info.motions@bma.org.uk up until the deadline of receipt of motions (9 am on Friday 6 April 2018). Please see the attached leaflet for more information about the service.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely

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