Dear Colleagues

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 in February 2019. This year, we are pleased to announce that colleagues will be receiving pre-ARM briefings on the following topics:

1) Integrated care models
2) Productivity in the NHS
3) Trends in life-expectancy and healthy life expectancy in the UK
4) A caring, supportive and collaborative vision for the NHS
5) Retention / keeping an ageing medical workforce at work

You are more than welcome to generate motions outside of these topics – they 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 5 April 2019.

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 advisory 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 the BMA policy staff by emailing Info.motions@bma.org.uk up until the deadline of receipt of motions 9am on Friday 5 April 2019.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely

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