Contracts and Regulation Policy Group – Work Plan 2018-19

Terms of reference:

• To consider and develop policy on all regulatory and contractual issues relating to GPs working within the NHS, whether as individuals or contractors, and to consider matters relating to the interface with private practice.
• To consider and develop policy on professional and self-regulatory issues as governed by statutory and other regulatory arrangements.
• To consider regulatory and contractual issues relating to prison doctors.
• To provide advice to and produce guidance for LMCs and the profession.
• To develop policy expertise in all these areas and to advise the negotiators on strategic policy development and negotiations.
• To ensure that when considering the issues, a 4 nations approach is taken and the group ensures that it takes account of the interests of all GPs the Committee represents.
• To liaise with other groups, on matters of mutual interest and to work on joint policy as necessary.
• To liaise with LMCs, the GPDF, relevant BMA Committees and relevant external bodies and organisations on all matters appropriate to the work of the group.
• To regularly report to the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) on its activity.

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| Indemnity             | • Work to establish a sustainable, long-term indemnity package for general practice that covers all GPs on the national performers list and all staff providing NHS general practice services both in and out of hours (OOH)  
  • Work with devolved nation stakeholders to encourage and facilitate the creation of comprehensive, fully funded state schemes, or suitable alternatives. |
| Workload              | • Support LMCs and practices to safely manage practice workload, including issues of list management  
  • Develop guidance on non-contractual letters and reports  
  • Reinforce the value of and advising on appropriate use of ‘Quality First’ guidance |
| Systems regulation    | • Monitor and influence implementation of CQC’s ‘next phase’ of regulation to ensure fitness for purpose. Focus on developments with GP Insight, provider information collection proposals and regulating practices working at scale  
  • Review/update BMA online CQC guidance  
  • Monitor the current approach and any developments to general practice regulation in the devolved nations |
| Professional regulation| • Contribute to the BMA’s work to ensure the regulation of the profession and the health service is proportionate and reflects the pressurised environment in which care is provided  
  • Participate in BMA-wide efforts to reduce the burden of professional regulation in relation to appraisal and revalidation, and ensure a pragmatic and consistent approach by NHS England and Responsible Officers |
| GMS regulations       | • Seek to amend the GMS Regulations regarding the removal of violent patients from the list to ensure that the regulations and DES and all local processes are improved and fit for purpose |
| Working at scale      | • Monitor and advise on the contractual aspects of the working at scale and ACO/MCP agendas |