Information Management, Technology and Information Governance Policy Group – Work Planner 2017-18

Terms of reference:

• To consider and develop policy on all matters relating to NHS GP Information, Management and Technology (IM&T) and all other relevant initiatives as they arise.
• To consider and develop policy on all matters relating to the primary and secondary care IT interface, training and change management issues in the provision of quality information within primary care and its interface with the rest of the health service.
• To represent the General Practitioners Committee on the GPC/RCGP Joint General Practice IT Committee to provide the resource for a coordinated approach to general practice stakeholder representation in information management and communications technology projects within the NHS.
• To provide advice to and produce guidance for LMCs and the profession.
• To develop policy expertise in all these areas and advise the Executive Team on strategic policy development and negotiations.
• To ensure that when considering the issues, a 4 nations approach is taken and the subcommittee ensures that it takes account of the interests of all GPs the Committee represents.
• To liaise with the BMA’s Health Policy and Economic Research Unit and Ethics Department and other GPC policy groups on matters of mutual interest and to work on joint policy as necessary.
• To regularly report to the GPC on its activity.

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<td>Make eRS fit for purpose for primary care</td>
<td>Attendance from GPC IT policy group at the Electronic Referral Advisory Board. Develop guidance with NHS England for general practice. Continue to raise concerns, especially around transfer of workload to primary care and seek resources for implementation via contract negotiations</td>
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<td>GDPR</td>
<td>Develop UK wide guidance for GP’s on key points of GDPR. Develop template Privacy Notices and FAQs to supplement the guidance</td>
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<td>Online consultation</td>
<td>Develop guidance for GP’s to able to use when assessing whether to access the GP Forward View fund for online consultations systems</td>
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<td>ePS</td>
<td>Continue to lobby NHSD to extend the provision of electronic prescribing systems (EPS) for all practices, including dispensing practices, and to enable its use for all prescribed medication, including controlled drugs</td>
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<td>Saving General Practice IT</td>
<td>The IT workstreams within the BMA’s Saving General Practice document have been presented to NHSE and NHSD. We are working with them to put in place timescales for these workstreams to be delivered</td>
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