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Dear Representatives and Members of the Conference of England LMCs

The Agenda Committee is delighted to publish the agenda for the 2018 Conference of England LMCs to be held on 23 November 2018.

As you know, this is the second ever LMC England Conference, and we are pleased to continue building on the success of last year in providing a focused space to debate important and pressing issues for GPs across England.

This year, we will be holding a major themed debate on partnership and the ongoing independent review of the GP partnership model in England, commissioned by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care in late 2017. The debate will be introduced by the independent Chair of the review, Dr Nigel Watson MBE, followed by a 45 minute open mic session. The agenda committee would then like to take a survey of the room and hold an indicative 1-6 button vote on 4 statements pertaining to the partnership model. You can find more detailed information on these in your agenda.

You will also find two links embedded within the agenda pertaining to the GP Partnership Model Review in England, and a BMA paper on funding models in general practice following a motion from UK LMC Conference 2017. The Agenda Committee included these to provide background and context on both issues where they arise in this year’s agenda.

While the Agenda Committee has done the best job it can of prioritising motions for debate in the normal way, avoiding where possible existing policy, we know that some of the motions not prioritised for debate are also important, and you can use the chosen motions ballot form to nominate motions from Part 2 of the Agenda which you would like to see debated at the end of conference.

What hasn’t changed is that conference is a commitment, and representatives will need to attend for the full day. We hope that the working arrangements which we have put in place for this conference will help reward this commitment with a productive and enjoyable conference.

We will send a link to our electronic feedback survey at the end of conference, and it will also be available with all our other papers on the BMA App. Please do respond to this, so we can continue to respond to your wishes in future years.

May I remind you that the deadline for new business and for questions for the executive team is on noon, Friday 16 November. Please submit any items to Karen Day (kdav@bma.org.uk).

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Lastly, I would like to remind you that the agenda committee has endeavoured to reduce the carbon footprint for this event and in doing so will only provide a printed copy of part one of your agenda on the day of conference, along with other necessary materials. Should you need to refer to another section of the agenda, I would encourage you to use your digital version.

This year, elections will take place using the BMA’s online election system. This system has been successfully used at other BMA conferences and for the majority of BMA national committee elections. For more information regarding election timetables and how to nominate yourself, please read the attached guidance document.

I look forward to seeing you in London on 23 November.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Rachel McMahon
Chair of Conference of England LMCs