To: Chairs of LMCs, Secretaries of LMCs in the UK  
Members of GPC UK  
Members of the Agenda Committee  
Members of the GPC Sessional GPs Subcommittee  
Members of the GPC Trainees Subcommittee

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Dear Representatives and Members of the Conference of UK LMCs

The Agenda Committee is delighted to publish the agenda for the 2019 Conference of UK LMCs to be held on 19 and 20 March in Belfast.

This year, the Agenda Committee has decided to set some time aside to allow members of the conference to consider the subject of Collective Working in a little more detail and to explore what this may mean to different nations, in the form of a plenary session. You will no doubt be aware of the encouragement, by many of the four nation governments, for practices to work on a larger scale, either through consortia, clusters, federations, integrated care systems or, as has been made apparent by the new English Contract Negotiations, Primary Care Networks.

We have therefore invited four guest speakers, one from each devolved nation, to set the scene by outlining the pragmatics of collaborative working in their part of the UK. Following their presentations, representatives will be to join one of three groups for a more focused discussion facilitated by the Agenda committee. The three groups are ‘Representation’, ‘Nuts & bolts’, and ‘Continuity vs Access’.

Please note that space is limited in the breakout rooms, so representatives will need to divide into as near equal thirds as possible. In order to help this, if a number of people are coming from an LMC, we would appreciate if they could try to distribute themselves evenly amongst the three groups, so that they derive maximum benefit from the discussions.

While the Agenda Committee has done the best job it can of prioritising motions for debate, 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.

The deadline for new business and to submit questions for the UK Chairs is on noon, Thursday 14 March. Please submit any items to Karen Day (kday@bma.org.uk).
Elections will take place using the BMA’s online election system. For more information regarding election timetables and how to nominate yourself, please read the attached guidance document.

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.

Lastly, I would like to remind you that the Agenda Committee is keen to reduce the carbon foot print 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.

I look forward to seeing you in Belfast on 19 and 20 March.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Conference of UK LMCs