

**Order of Business**

**CHOSEN MOTIONS**

- 71      **Motion** by TOWER HAMLETS DIVISION: That this meeting, in response to COVID 19, demands that government:-
- i) ensure that workers are not under pressure to attend work either for financial or workforce reasons while they are unwell or self-isolating and at risk of inadvertently passing on the disease;
  - ii) provide the equivalent of day-one statutory sick pay to those on zero hours contracts;
  - iii) allow the NHS to requisition private health care facilities to accommodate effective COVID-19 treatment and quarantine provision if needed;
  - iv) ensure workers are paid in full while they are unwell or self-isolating.
- 100     **Motion** by LOTHIAN DIVISION: That this meeting notes that GP locums can be deemed not to be eligible for the full life assurance cover provided through an NHS Pension Scheme membership, should their death occur on a day when they are not scheduled to be working, and:-
- i) welcomes the temporary NHS Scotland Coronavirus Life Assurance Scheme (Scotland), noting that it will not exclude GP locums simply because they do not meet the definition of being active members of an NHS Pension Scheme at the time of their death;
  - ii) welcomes the fact that the temporary NHS Scotland Coronavirus Life Assurance Scheme (Scotland) will provide the beneficiaries of all eligible relevant persons with benefits comparable to those with access to the full death in service cover provided through an NHS Pension Scheme;
  - iii) deplores the fact that GP locums working for the NHS in England, Wales and Northern Ireland do not have access to a scheme similar to the temporary NHS Scotland Coronavirus Life Assurance Scheme (Scotland);
  - iv) deplores the fact that no permanent solution has been implemented in any part of the UK to address the possibility of GP locums continuing to actively contribute to an NHS Pension Scheme but being deemed not to be in pensionable employment at the time of their death;
  - v) demands that all governments in the UK take permanent action to ensure that GP locums are no longer subject to reduced death in service cover solely because death occurs on a day when no work had been scheduled.
- 142     **Motion** by SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL: That this meeting is concerned that a further peak of COVID-19 infection may occur at the same time as the Brexit transition period ends and that:-
- i) a departure from the single market and customs union will seriously threaten supply chains particularly in pharmaceuticals, medical devices and protective equipment and the NHS staffing shortage will be greatly exacerbated unless the problems of EU citizens' rights have been effectively resolved;
  - ii) a departure from EU procurement arrangements and from Euratom could result in severe shortages of medical products and nuclear isotopes;

- iii) the government has failed to make arrangements to replace the work previously done by UK membership of The European Medicines Agency;
- iv) medical research, including into COVID-19 and the production of appropriate vaccines, requires international collaboration, which will be severely damaged by the absence of the necessary structures;
- v) It therefore insists that the government take all necessary steps to avoid a no deal departure from the institutions of the European Union.

- 201     **Motion** by NORTH WEST REGIONAL COUNCIL: That this meeting is dismayed at university inaction regarding the depression and suicide epidemics which permeate our profession and calls upon the BMA to:-
- i) lobby all medical schools to provide all students with a tutor with a purely pastoral role for the duration of their degree. Formal suicide awareness and mental awareness training should be mandatory for these tutors;
  - ii) identify medical schools at which wellbeing and professionalism staff do not operate in separate departments, and lobby these departments to separate;
  - iii) lobby all medical schools produce annual reports on their actions to improve mental wellbeing provision for medical students;
  - iv) conduct a national survey of wellbeing interventions medical schools have put in place and how complaints from medical students about wellbeing support services are handled.
- 210     **Motion** by NEWCASTLE MEDICAL SCHOOL: That this meeting calls on the BMA to scrap membership fees for medical students and make membership completely free throughout medical school as it is in first year.

## **EMERGENCY MOTIONS**

### **EM 1**

Proposed: Dr David Strain (Council)  
Seconded: Dr Peter English (Council)

This meeting notes that in the past few weeks, we have seen alarming rises in the rates of new COVID-19 infections to a higher level than when we went into lockdown, albeit in a younger population with a lower risk of admission to ITU and subsequent death.

In order to prevent the need for further national lockdowns, with all of the adverse impacts that this may have on the education of our younger generation, the economy, older adults in care, mental health and social isolation, this meeting calls on governments to pursue a policy of near-elimination of SARS-COV-2.

### **EM 2**

Proposed: Dr David Smith (Yorkshire regional council)  
Seconded: Dr Brian McGregor (Yorkshire regional council)

That this meeting notes the 48th report from the DDRB on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration and is deeply concerned that by offering Junior Doctors and GP Principals a lower pay settlement than other staff groups, during a time of an unprecedented international pandemic, these recommendations will lead to a reduction in Junior Doctor and GP Principal morale.

We call on the BMA to:-

- i) lobby the Secretary of State for Health & Social Care to include recommendations on pay for Junior Doctors and GP Principals in the remit for the 49th report from the DDRB;
- ii) lobby the Secretary of State for Health & Social Care to specifically ask the DDRB to consider a pay settlement in 21/22 above any previously agreed multi-year settlement, in recognition of the services performed during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic;
- iii) return to submitting full and detailed reports as part of the evidence gathering round of the DDRB process.