

ARM supplementary agenda 2021

416. Item 3 – AMENDMENT

Delete the words “That the reports from branches of practice” and replace with the words “That committee, council and board meeting reports” so the motion now reads:-.

Receive: That committee, council and board meeting reports for the session 2020-21 are available from the website and on the ARM app.

417. Motion 7 – AMENDMENT (addition to bracket)

Move the following motion 89 from Part 2 agenda and include in the bracket with motion 7 after motion 7c:-

Motion by SALISBURY DIVISION: That this meeting is concerned by post-pandemic NHS waiting lists and calls on the NHS to enlist the private sector to support a reduction in waiting lists.

418. Motion 9 – AMENDMENT

In part i change the words “a right” to “the right” and add the words “race or” before the word “ethnicity” so the motion now reads:

Motion by CONFERENCE OF HONORARY SECRETARIES OF BMA DIVISIONS AND REGIONAL COUNCILS: That this meeting calls for clearly publicised zero tolerance policies against racism in the NHS which specifically covers:-

- i) no patient has the right to choose a treating clinician based upon their race or ethnicity;
- ii) clear pathways for when care should be withheld to protect staff from racist patients.

419. Motion 17 – AMENDMENT

In part iii) ‘Office of Health Protection’ should be ‘Office of Health Promotion’.

In part iii) add the words “health inequalities addressed by the” before the words “Office of Health Promotion” so the motion now reads:-

Motion by NORTH EAST REGIONAL COUNCIL: The Covid-19 crisis has highlighted that the UK was woefully underprepared to tackle a pandemic. Thousands of people have needlessly died or been harmed due to the virus. That this meeting calls for a wide-ranging public inquiry into the Covid-19 pandemic:-

- i) to be initiated without delay;
- ii) that includes, but is not limited to, full evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of national public health system, the fitness of purpose of its health protection systems, the impact of the progressive loss of medical expertise, Government decision-making and advisory structures, procurement, vaccine development, vaccine delivery, lockdown measures and timing, PPE, public health delivery structures, investment in track and trace, protective measures for vulnerable people and communities, and management of outgoing and incoming travellers;
- iii) that has the ability to make recommendations for the planning, preparation and investment towards managing the next pandemic and so that lessons can be learned and rectified under UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and health inequalities addressed by the Office of Health Promotion (OHP);
- iv) that recognises the essential role of health and social care workers, particularly those receiving poor pay and working in difficult conditions;

v) that considers whether actions of ministers and advisors meets the threshold for criminal negligence investigations and prosecution.

420. Motion 19 – AMENDMENT

Amend the wording of the stem and part ii from "gay" to "LGBTQ+" so the motion now reads:

Motion by JUNIOR DOCTORS CONFERENCE: That this meeting finds the practice of LGBTQ+ conversion therapy to be unethical and damaging. We call on the BMA to:-

- i) lobby the UK government to ensure this damaging practice is banned;
- ii) lobby the GMC to introduce sanctions up to and including erasure of medical practitioners performing LGBTQ+ conversion therapy.

421. Motion 20 – AMENDMENT

Amend part ii) of the following motion from:

Motion by CARDIFF AND VALE OF GLAMORGAN DIVISION: That this meeting recognises and deplores the increase in domestic abuse that has occurred during the pandemic and calls on:-

- i) the government to bring in an offence of near-fatal strangulation and;
- ii) Public Health England and Public Health Wales to instigate training to increase awareness of pointers to abuse among all front-line staff in health and social care, in schools and in the police.

To:

Motion by CARDIFF AND VALE OF GLAMORGAN DIVISION: That this meeting recognises and deplores the increase in domestic abuse that has occurred during the pandemic and calls on:-

- i) the government to bring in an offence of near-fatal strangulation and;
- ii) staff training to be instigated for all front-line staff in health and social care, in schools and in the police, to increase awareness of pointers to abuse.

422. Motion 23 – AMENDMENT

Amend part i of the following motion from:

Motion by MEDICAL STUDENTS CONFERENCE: That this meeting recognises the environmental and financial consequences of increasing demands of single-use plastic personal protective equipment (PPE) since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. Single-use aprons, gowns and gloves are currently not recyclable or biodegradable. Plastics are incinerated causing further CO2 emissions. This meeting calls on the BMA to:-

- i) lobby the NHS, and NHS Supply Chain, to only implement use of single-use PPE where there is a clear evidence basis for its efficacy;
- ii) support initiatives that commit to trialling and introducing reusable and recyclable PPE and the environmentally-conscious treatment of waste;
- iii) lobby the Government to create recycling legislation to ensure that there are sufficient recycling bins in all clinical areas.

To:

Motion by MEDICAL STUDENTS CONFERENCE: That this meeting recognises the environmental and financial consequences of increasing demands of single-use plastic personal protective equipment (PPE) since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. Single-use aprons, gowns and gloves are currently not recyclable or biodegradable. Plastics are incinerated causing further CO2 emissions. This meeting calls on the BMA to:-

- i) lobby the NHS, and NHS Supply Chain, to implement reusable and recyclable PPE as default where these products meet safety standards;
- ii) support initiatives that commit to trialling and introducing reusable and recyclable PPE and the environmentally-conscious treatment of waste;
- iii) lobby the Government to create recycling legislation to ensure that there are sufficient recycling bins in all clinical areas.

423. Motion 67 – AMENDMENT

Amend the wording of the stem from "woman" to "person" and from "her" to "their" so the motion now reads:

Motion by SOUTH EAST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL: That this meeting welcomes the Health and Safety Executive requirements on employers for facilities for pregnant and breastfeeding employees, believes no pregnant person should be forced to take any risks to their baby's life or wellbeing, and:-

- i) calls for clear guidance for pregnant doctors on prolonged standing, shift work and night shifts;
- ii) calls on the BMA to negotiate the right to opt out of long shifts and night shifts for pregnant doctors without any negative repercussions on the individual;
- iii) calls on Trusts to ensure that adequate facilities are provided for staff to breastfeed.

424. Motion 73 - AMENDMENT

Amend the wording of the stem from "demands GPC seeks" to "demands the BMA seek" so the motion now reads:-

Motion by CONFERENCE OF LMCs: That this meeting notes the concerns expressed by indemnity providers that the goodwill shown to clinicians in the pandemic will be lost under a deluge of litigations and demands the BMA seek:-

- i) full immunity for all doctors from clinical negligence claims during the Covid-19 pandemic;
- ii) a Repeal of S2(4) of the Law Reform (Personal Injuries) Act 1948;
- iii) the establishment of an independent body to define the NHS health and social care package which can give an appropriate standard of care for all patients irrespective of the cause of the patient's care requirements;
- iv) to limit compensation claims to the costs of additional care required;
- v) that we move to a New Zealand no fault compensation scheme.