Tuesday 14 September 2021: Motions arising from the ARM – 15.00 - 15.45pm

Order of Business

CHosen Motions

52 Motion by NORTH WEST REGIONAL COUNCIL: That this meeting instructs the BMA to publish its Professional Fees Calculator on the internet for members use before the end of the calendar year.

55 Motion by YORKSHIRE REGIONAL COUNCIL: That this meeting declares that the climate emergency is a health emergency, and calls on the BMA to:-
   i) campaign for the UK to become zero-carbon by 2030;
   ii) lobby NHS Trusts and Health Boards to embed sustainability criteria into their tendering processes;
   iii) endorse the Green New Deal;
   iv) support the Health for a Green New Deal Campaign.

186 Motion by TOWER HAMLETS DIVISION: That this meeting supports the demand of other health unions for a 15% pay rise for NHS workers.

296 Motion by GREENWICH, BEXLEY & BROMLEY DIVISION: That this meeting:–
   i) believes that the moral and ethical integrity of doctors is an essential component of wellbeing and morale in the medical workforce;
   ii) holds that reasonable and proportionate provision for the exercise of individual conscience should be provided for within medicine;
   iii) is concerned that inadequate conscience provision within medicine may on occasion be a cause of significant moral injury for clinicians;
   iv) requests the BMA to align its policy on conscience provision with that of the General Medical Council, in paragraphs 8-16 of their 2013 guidance, Personal Beliefs in Medical Practice.

320 Motion by YORKSHIRE REGIONAL COUNCIL: That this meeting notes with great sadness the June 2021 Ofsted ‘Review of sexual abuse in schools and colleges’ and calls on the UK government to:–
   i) seek to protect children from sexual abuse and harassment;
   ii) provide sufficient funding, protected time and support for classroom practitioners to address issues around sexual harassment and sexualised language that arise within the class;
   iii) increase digital security to protect children from accessing sexually explicit material online;
   iv) deliver public education on the damaging effects of children being exposed to sexually explicit videos and images; and
   v) support parents and caregivers to take an active role in safeguarding their children’s digital lives.
Motion by OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE COMMITTEE: That this meeting notes that the law provides for workplaces to have accredited safety representatives as well as safety committees, which employers are obliged to convene and consult in matters of health and safety and that the Covid-19 pandemic has demonstrated insufficient risk assessment and inadequate worker protection in many workplaces. Therefore, this meeting calls for the BMA to:-

i) take advantage of these legal provisions for worker representation (including time paid by employers for the safety representatives to undertake their duties);

ii) publicise the purposes and legal provisions of Safety Representatives and Safety Committees amongst its members;

iii) insist that employers provide Safety Representatives with paid leave to take up the training required to undertake the responsibilities of their role;

iv) insist that employers support the proper functioning of Safety Representatives as well as the regular convening of Safety Committees.