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To: Secretaries of Local Medical Committees

Junior Members Forum 2011

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Dear Secretary

Junior Members Forum 2011

Each year the British Medical Association organises a weekend meeting, the Junior Members Forum, which is aimed at potential future medico-politicians. We are looking for members of the Association who are within 12 years of provisional registration or 11 years of full registration, preferably those who have not attended a previous Forum. The meeting will provide an opportunity to exchange views with some 60 younger members of the Association from all parts of the profession and to take part in medico-political debates in a relaxed setting. While the weekend has a serious purpose and formal programme, it is run along informal lines and provides a good opportunity for younger doctors to start taking part in BMA activities.

The 2011 Forum will be held at the Queens Hotel, Leeds over the weekend of 9 and 10 April and it will be on the subject of "Medicalisation". We expect to have three speakers on the Saturday morning followed by working groups in the afternoon. The Sunday will be devoted to debates on motions from Forum members arising from the previous day's activities or other medical/medico-political subjects. The meeting will end at about 4.00 pm on Sunday. Overnight accommodation and all meals will be provided from Friday evening and receipted travelling expenses will be reimbursed. There will be a semi-formal dinner on the Saturday evening.

Details of the meeting are enclosed.

Nominations

Local Medical Committees are invited to nominate general practitioners who must be members of the Association and either within 12 years of provisional registration or 11 years of full registration. Members will be selected on a geographical and branch of practice basis, giving preference to first time attenders, according to the attached constitution of the Forum. Nominations on the enclosed form should reach me by **5.00 pm on Monday 31 January 2011**. Nominations are also being sought from BMA divisions and through the central branch of practice committees.

Chief Executive/Secretary: Tony Bourne

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Deputies

Because of the nature of their work, doctors are occasionally prevented at the last minute from attending. If the Forum is oversubscribed we shall invite members from the unsuccessful nominees to attend to fill any vacant places.

Observers

Any junior member, wherever resident, may attend the Forum as an observer **at his or her own expense** and provided space is available. Observers may speak in debates, subject to the discretion of the Chairman, but may not vote. If a member wishes to attend as an observer, he/she should let me know in writing.

Yours sincerely

Anna Garrod
Senior Policy Executive
Chairman of Council's Office

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