Dear LMC colleagues

I committed to updating LMCs and members on GPDF every few weeks in my new capacity as chair. In the last fortnight the new board has been getting to grips with various legal and financial matters. A steep learning curve and lots of emails is the most accurate summary. We have:

* Started to research and assemble a team for the deed of grant discussions with the BMA which we hope will start soon.
* Reduced the expenditure limits for the chair and management team down from £25,000 to £1000 - anything over this requires board approval.
* Altered our invoice processing so all invoices are reviewed by myself before payment.
* Engaged with the chairs of England and UK conference to find out their needs for the coming year.
* Engaged with the GPC Officer teams across Wales, Scotland and England on their concerns and priorities for future funding arrangements.
* Promoted the role of GPDF member to Welsh LMC colleagues, and received nominations for prospective Welsh GPDF directors which I'm very grateful for so we can ensure full representation.
* Accepted an invitation from Dr Katie Bramall-Stainer to the LMC Secretaries conference to speak directly to LMCs.

I have personally had discussions with several LMC colleagues about their future hopes and concerns around GPDF, and in the next few weeks will be contacting those LMCs who have withdrawn their levy to discuss how we move forward. We have a board meeting next week to sign off some necessary legal documents and allow us to start the process of a review of GPDF. We continue to aim for a significant turnaround by September of this year and hope LMCs and members will be a key part of this.

I'll keep you updated as we go,

Zoe

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