

What's new for sessional GPs

[Uber, LMCs and death in service protection](#)



Will the **ruling on Uber's self-employed drivers** have an impact for locum and salaried GPs? Sessional GPs subcommittee chair Zoe Norris asks the legal experts. Plus, find out why local representation is more important than ever.

[Read Zoe's latest update](#)

[There's a gaping hole in GP training](#)



The future of general practice is uncertain and frightening. More than ever, **new GPs need to understand medical politics**. South east coast representative Rebecca Jones calls for a change to the curriculum.

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LMCs and sessional GPs: why bother?

There are vanguards and **STPs (sustainability and transformation plans)**, but if you want a say in how the NHS is structured – and how you, as an individual GP, deliver care to your patients – LMCs are the only way. **Sessional GPs subcommittee executive member Vicky Weeks explains**

Sessional sound bites

[Scandal of Capita support services](#)

Chaos continues to reign over GP support services supplied by private provider Capita.

In a BMA survey, 81 per cent of practices said urgent requests for patient records made to Capita-operated Primary Care Support England were unresolved after three weeks, while around a third received incorrect patient records.

There are also delays in registering new patients – 58 per cent of practices said registrations took more than the required three days.

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The power of social media

Our chair, Zoe Norris, has written an article for *GP* magazine on how sessional GPs can use social media to influence BMA policy. [Read the article](#)

CQC fee hike: Derbyshire LMC sent an open letter to Chaand Nagpaul

Derbyshire LMC called on the BMA to formally dispute the CQC's 'unfair and unjustifiable' fee hike featured in [GPonline](#) and [Pulse](#). GPC has repeatedly called for the increases in CQC fees to be reversed, and for a wholesale review of the inspection regime and the funding drain it inflicts on general practice. [Read our news report](#)

Help save lives in Zambia from the UK

[Doctors as volunteers](#) is our forum for doctors to share volunteering advice and inspiration. One charity, Virtual Doctors, uses technology to connect GPs in the UK with health workers in rural Zambia. [Find out how](#)

If you've undertaken voluntary work, either in the UK or abroad, our poster competition is a chance to inspire others. [Learn more and enter](#)



Meet your local committee rep

'Without communicating closely with our frontline members, our organisation means nothing.' Salaried GP and south central England representative Matt Mayer talks career diversity, Star Trek and the top priority for the BMA. [Read more](#)

Your benefits

Are you part of the 99 per cent without an LPA?

Having a will is vital, but it is often the absence of an LPA (lasting power of attorney) that causes most stress if you or a loved one is seriously ill. To help protect you and your family, BMA Law is giving members a 20 per cent discount when you arrange a will and an LPA at the same time. Email info@bmalaw.co.uk or call **0300 123 2014** for more information.

Your events

STPs: the future?

When: 7pm, 28 November
Where: online, or attend at BMA House, London
Cost: free

Details: Learn about **STPs** and what to expect from them, ask your burning questions and earn CPD points at this free webinar. **Register to attend**

Planning for retirement

When: 9.15am–4pm, 2 December
Where: Queens Hotel, Leeds
Cost: £90 per person; members can bring their partners

Details: Get advice on financial planning, NHS and state pensions, well-being and how to make the most of your retirement. **Book your place**

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