



Primary Care Directorate

We have an experienced team of Directors of Primary Care Strategy (DPCS) who assist individual GPs and their practices as well as individual LMCs in negotiating locally with PCOs on contractual issues. The DPCS also aim to ensure that GPs are represented at all times in the planning and delivery of primary care business by PCOs.

DPCS also advise all stakeholders on any contractual schemes, policies or initiatives devolved from the Department of Health, via PCOs, into general practice and on any local agreements necessary for the provision of medical services.

Local negotiation is undertaken through various formats, the most common being a regular meeting with the local PCO, known as the Standing Joint Liaison Committee (SJLC). Our team of DPCS also provide support to our LMC structure as well as organising various forums for training LMC Chairs, Practice Managers and Practice Nurses.

DPCS are, in turn, supported by an experienced team of Committee Liaison Executives (CLEs).

Committee Liaison Executives support the DPCSs, Medical Directors/LMC Secretaries, LMC members and GPs in their committee work and communication with a wide range of other health-related bodies.

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