

Reffing list – policy directorate

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This document reflects the policy directorate structure where all committees are supported by the committee services function, and policy development, advice and guidance are provided across committees by the professionalism and guidance function, public health and healthcare function and the terms and conditions of service function. The following sets out the remit of the different teams and their staff.

Please note: where there is overlap between teams, reffing should be sent to the respective teams jointly. This should include the relevant committee secretary where applicable. If the committee secretary is out of the office, reffing should be forwarded to the head of the committee services function and the committees manager, Matthew Lasham.

Please email pdoffice@bma.org.uk if you have any updates or changes to this list.

Committee services

Head of function: Angela Kyle

Armed forces committee

Jacqueline Connolly

Board of science

Holly Senior

Civil and public services committee

Rosie Hogwood-Helm

Consultants committee

Holly Senior

Committee on community care

Sophie Odile Sauerteig

Committee of medical managers

Sophie-Odile Sauerteig

Forensic medicine committee

Rosie Hogwood-Helm

General practitioners committee

Nikki McIntosh

General practitioners defence fund/local medical committees

Evita Syrengela

GP trainees

Matthew Lasham

International committee

Martin Carroll

Junior doctors committee

Karly Jose

Medical academic staff committee

David Cloke

Medical ethics committee

Martin Davies

Medical students committee

Jane Saisho/Jacqueline Connolly

Medico-legal committee

Reena Zapata

Occupational medicine committee

Matthew Lasham

Ophthalmic qualifications committee

Reena Zapata

Patient liaison group

Sophie-Odile Sauerteig

Private practice committee

Reena Zapata

Professional fees committee

Rosie Hogwood-Helm

Public health medicine committee

David Cloke

Sessional doctors

Matthew Lasham

Staff, associate specialist and speciality doctors

Jane Saisho

Professionalism and guidance

Head of function: Stella Dunn

International and Immigration

Key policy/topic areas include: international health workforce; international medical graduates; working abroad; volunteering abroad; humanitarian fund; information fund; visas; Brexit; Europe; immigration; fair medical trade; human rights; refugee doctors; global health; international public health; UN agencies (WHO); health security; emerging and re-emerging infectious disease; antimicrobial resistance; climate change; water and sanitation; universal health coverage.

Martin Carroll, Kath Gill, Arthy Santhakumar

Regulation, education and training

Key policy/topic areas include: regulation of healthcare professionals (including reform of legislation); indemnity issues; whistleblowing /raising concerns; CQC (including GP inspection regime; GP practice ratings; CQC strategy, business plan, state of care report; fees structure and annual fees consultations); GMC (including fitness to practice; development of the medical register; development of UK medical licensing assessment; point of registration; revalidation and Appraisal (including NHS England involvement); curriculum development; credentialing/generic professional capabilities; flexible training review; differential attainment/figures); all education and training issues (including HEE (and NIMDTA, NES, Wales Deanery) issues; shape of training – ongoing developments (UK Steering group); HEE mandate; contractual issues (eg Juniors) – various HEE work-streams; funding for education and training; regulation of educators and trainees; health education policy; application and recruitment figures; academic training/mid-career entry to academia).

Daniel McAlonan, Mark Hope, Sam Wakeford, Fenella Overington, Hazel Cameron

Medical Ethics and Human Rights

Key policy/topic areas include: organ transplantation; assisted reproduction; mental capacity; mental health; doctor-patient relationships; NHS reform; health and human rights; prescribing; research; genetics; public health; immigration and access to healthcare; abortion; female genital mutilation; male infant circumcision; children and young people; end-of-life care; cardiopulmonary resuscitation; physician-assisted dying; healthcare in detention settings; confidentiality and information governance; health records; insurance; consent; conscientious objection; use of social media by doctors and vulnerable adults.

Veronica English, Julian Sheather, Martin Davies, Rebecca Mussell, Ruth Campbell, Sophie Brannan

Equality, inclusion and culture

Key policy/topic areas include: bullying and harassment; gender pay gap; gender equality; maternity and pregnancy discrimination; sex discrimination; women and medicine; race equality; racism and xenophobia; hate crime; racial bias/unconscious bias/racial discrimination; IMG doctors/overseas doctors issues; disability equality; disability discrimination; reasonable adjustments; LGBT equality; homophobia; transgender issues; faith and religious equality/discrimination/hate crime; widening access to medical schools and medical careers.

Clare Woodford, Amanda Lee Ajala, Dinesh Nepal.

Public health and healthcare

Head of function: Raj Jethwa

Health policy

Key policy/topic areas include: funding – NHS (overall and branch of practice specific such as GP Forward View), public health and social care, devolved nations spending, payment models (eg the national tariff), efficiency / value for money (Note: contractual elements such as QoF sit with terms and conditions); commissioning and service planning – service planning, competition, the internal market (incl. privatisation and independent sector provision), integration of health and social care, devolution and sustainability and transformation plans; delivery structures – service delivery and (re)configuration, provider integration, provider models such as new models of care and vanguards, urgent and emergency care provision, seven day services (with the workforce and innovation team); patients – patient voice, patient choice (eg any qualified provider), personalisation, patient empowerment (e.g., self-management); quality of care and the health system – quality measurement, quality reporting and targets, failure regimes, NHS Improvement.

Lena Levy, Rachel Evans, Holly Higgs, Marie Rogerson, Miriam Simpson, Tom Bramwell

Science and public health policy

Key policy/topic areas include: alcohol; ageing and health; antimicrobial resistance; child health and wellbeing; climate change; complementary and alternative medicine; diet, obesity and physical activity; domestic abuse; drug use/illicit drug use; health inequalities / social determinants of health / austerity; medicines and prescribing (general policy); mental health; road safety; sexual and reproductive health; tobacco; vaccination.

George Roycroft, Robert Wilson, Laurence Russell, Olivia Lines

Workforce and innovation

Key policy/topic areas include: workforce planning; workforce figures and data collection; recruitment and retention; specialty training numbers; doctors' workload/morale; general practice forward view; safe working in general practice; vacancies; locums; new clinical support roles; NHS IT; innovation and technology; data sharing.

Jenny Priest, Hannah Quigan, Alex Ottley, Christopher Scott, Robert Kidney, Sumayya Allam

Research

DDRB (Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body)

Andrew Lloyd-Kendall, Duncan Bland, James Boyde

Terms and conditions of service

Head of function: Recruitment underway – Raj Jethwa until further notice

Employed doctors

Matters related to contracts/terms & conditions relevant to: Junior doctors, SAS doctors, salaried GPs, armed forces doctors, medical managers, consultants, medical academics, public health doctors

Head (vacant), Josephine Brady, Richard Maslin, Shahenda Sulimen, Adam Harrison

Independent contractors

Matters related to contracts/terms & conditions for: GP principals, locums and private practice doctors, GP funding, PMS contracts, dispensing, MCP contracts, clinical and prescribing, QOF, premises, practice finance, atypical practices

Mary Mackenzie, Greg Lewis, Nick Duckworth, Daniel Hodgson, Ciara Greene