

General Practitioners Defence Fund

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Mini Guide to the Purpose and Activities of the General Practitioners Defence Fund (GPDF)

At the GPDF's recent AGM I was asked to produce a short guide on the role of the GPDF for LMCs to distribute to GPs.

The purpose of the GPDF is to protect the interests of all GPs rendering services in the UK under the NHS.

The functions of the GPDF are:

1. To support financially the central GP political structure of England, Wales and Scotland on behalf of all GPs, as set out in the Company's Memorandum of Association.
2. To fund the Annual Conferences of LMCs, including Special Conferences.
3. To support 'local' initiatives, including legal challenges which are judged to be of national importance.

It receives its income from:

1. An annual levy on LMCs calculated to meet its projected costs.
2. Income from investments.
3. A contribution from the BMA to support the activities of the GPC and its sub-committees on the same basis as the support the BMA provides to other Branches of Practice.

The Members of the GPDF are currently the voting members of the GPC, who elect directors to manage the company.

Under changes which are happening this year membership of the GPDF will expand to include nominees of LMCs.



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