

ARM supplementary agenda 2024

412. Order of business amended as:

Monday pm 15.00 is now a new agenda committee composite to be bracketed with motions 192 and 200 from the international relations section of the Part 2 agenda. The composite to be followed by motion 24.

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Motion by THE AGENDA COMMITTEE (TO BE PROPOSED BY NORTH WEST REGIONAL COUNCIL):

That this meeting reaffirms the BMA's commitment to medical humanitarianism and recognises widespread member concerns regarding the Association's current position and work on the ongoing conflict in Gaza. It furthermore condemns all violations of medical neutrality and, given the events documented in hospitals in Gaza, calls on the BMA to:-

- i) note recent developments, including the relevant UN special rapporteur report and ICJ case, and to review its position statement on Gaza accordingly, consulting with membership as appropriate;
- ii) review the mechanisms for grassroots members to raise and campaign on such matters within the Association structures, particularly on a local level;
- iii) conduct further work on this matter, including but not limited to, greater support to members affected, combatting antisemitism and anti-Muslim hatred, humanitarian assistance, and protecting the freedom of speech for members on these matters.
- iv) use their platform to highlight and continue forthright condemnation wherever they see violations of medical neutrality;
- v) lobby relevant parties to protect health care workers and their patients from hostilities in keeping with international law. This includes forcible displacement from hospitals and being forced to abandon patients who cannot be moved or are immobile;
- vi) lobby all relevant parties for urgent investigations into the destruction of medical infrastructure and medical schools, and the death and injury of health care workers in the line of duty in Gaza;
- vii) lobby the government to urge Egypt and Israel to allow access for full humanitarian assistance and medical supplies to the people of Gaza.

Motion by NORTH WEST REGIONAL COUNCIL: That this meeting condemns all violations of medical neutrality and given the events documented in hospitals in Gaza calls on the BMA to:-

- i) use their platform to highlight and continue forthright condemnation wherever they see violations of medical neutrality;
- ii) lobby relevant parties to protect health care workers and their patients from hostilities in keeping with international law. This includes forcible displacement from hospitals and being forced to abandon patients who cannot be moved or are immobile;
- iii) lobby all relevant parties for urgent investigations into the destruction of medical infrastructure and medical schools, and the death and injury of health care workers in the line of duty in Gaza;
- iv) lobby the government to urge Egypt and Israel to allow access for full humanitarian assistance and medical supplies to the people of Gaza.

Motion by WELSH COUNCIL: That this meeting reaffirms the BMA's commitment to medical humanitarianism and recognises widespread member concerns regarding the Association's current position and work on the ongoing conflict in Gaza. Accordingly, it calls upon the BMA to:-

- i) note recent developments, including the relevant UN special rapporteur report and ICJ case, and to review its position statement on Gaza accordingly, consulting with membership as appropriate;
- ii) review the mechanisms for grassroots members to raise and campaign on such matters within the Association structures, particularly on a local level;

iii) conduct further work on this matter, including but not limited to, greater support to members affected, combatting antisemitism and anti-Muslim hatred, humanitarian assistance, and protecting the freedom of speech for members on these matters.

413. Part 2 agenda – International relations – ERRATA

The description of code 'L' has been removed from underneath all motions in the international relations section as it was inconsistent with the rest of the part 2 agenda. Also, the description of motion 192 has been amended from code 'L' to code 'F'.

414. Motion 12 (MAPs) – AMENDMENT

Amend the stem and part i and part v of the motion so it now reads:

Motion by NORTH EAST REGIONAL COUNCIL: There have been multiple patient safety incidents attributable to Medical Associate Practitioners (MAPs) within the NHS. The BMA, GPC, **Conference of Representatives of Local Medical Committees**, the European Union of General Practitioners (UEMO) **and the Fire Brigades Union (FBU)** have expressed concerns over the increasing use of MAPs and potential substitution of doctors. That this meeting:-

- i) demands that MAPs are not used as a substitute for doctors and insists on a pause in recruitment and deployment of **PAs MAPs**;
- ii) affirms the BMA traffic light system for MAPs and believes that MAPs must not prescribe or see undifferentiated patients within Primary or Secondary Care;
- iii) believes that appropriate education and training must be offered to doctors supervising MAPs and supports colleagues who refuse to supervise non-medical practitioners;
- iv) calls for an urgent public enquiry into reports that MAPs have worked outside of their competence including incidences of inappropriately signing prescriptions and requesting ionising radiation;
- v) affirms that doctors have a moral and professional duty, under GMC Good Medical Practice (paragraph 25) **and whistleblowing guidance**, to raise concerns about anything that impacts patient safety or could impact patient safety.

415. Motion 17 (Appointment of the BMA President) – AMENDMENT

Amend the motion so it now reads:

Motion by COUNCIL: That Dr John Chisholm be appointed BMA president for the session 2025-26.

416. Motion 23 (Medical ethics and human rights) – AMENDMENT

Add the words "NHS and HSCNI" so the motion now reads:

Motion by SAS CONFERENCE: That this meeting is appalled that despite recommendations by NHS Employers and the Equality and Human Rights Commission, employers continue to record disability related absence as sick leave. This combined with the use of the Bradford Factor is discriminatory in its approach and we demand that the BMA lobbies all **NHS and HSCNI** employing organisations to implement recording of disability related absence separately.

417. Motion 29 (International medical graduates) – ERRATUM

In part iii of the motion change the word 'staff' to 'specialist' so part iii of the motion now reads:

iii) offer ~~staff~~ **specialist**, associate specialist, and specialty (SAS) contracts to IMGs in locally employed doctor positions, such as clinical fellowships, when suitable;

418. Motion 37 (BMA Structure and Function) – AMENDMENT

In part iii of the motion add the words 'and national' and 'and devolved nations' so part iii of the motion now reads:

iii) the lack of seats to ARM allocated from regional **and national** councils and calls for a significant proportion of seats to be nominated via regions **and devolved nations**, with a view to being able to improve the equality, diversity and inclusion of the representative body via multi-member constituencies;

419. Motion 39 (Wales) – AMENDMENT

In part iv of the motion change the word 'PAs' to 'MAPs' so part iv of the motion now reads:

iv) mandate that doctor SPA must not be used to deliver training to ~~PAs~~ **MAPs** before obligations to train medical doctors are fulfilled.