

## Wiltshire Council

### Health Select Committee

15 July 2014

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#### Chairman's Announcements (additional information)

##### Local Medical Committee – Annual Conference

At the Local Medical Committee's (LMC) Annual Conference in May 2014, the Wiltshire LMC proposed the following motion:

That conference:

- (i) believes that general practice is unsustainable in its current format; **(Passed)**
- (ii) believes that it is no longer viable for general practice to provide all patients with all NHS services free at the point of delivery;
- (iii) urges the UK governments to define the services that can and cannot be accessed in the NHS; **(Passed)**
- (iv) calls on GPC to consider alternative funding mechanisms for general practice;
- (v) calls on GPC to explore national charging for general practice services with the UK governments.

The motion was debated and parts (i) and (iii) were passed.

##### Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group

The Wiltshire CCG was approached for a comment on their position for the Committee and they provided the following statement.

*Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group was not aware that the Local Medical Committee were proposing a motion to the LMC national conference that patients should be charged.*

*As a CCG, we do not support this motion as NHS patients should have access to a free service at first point of delivery when they attend an appointment at their local surgery.*

*The purpose of the motion was to spark a debate around patients being charged and to address the upcoming crisis with regards to the recruitment of doctors in rural counties.*