

PROFILES OF THE LEEDS LMC ELECTED OFFICERS AND PERMANENT STAFF

ELECTED OFFICERS 2008 - 09

CHAIR - DR AMANDA ROBINSON

Amanda qualified in 1979, and moved to Leeds in 1990. She joined the LMC in April 1998.

She is keen to encourage professionals in primary, secondary care and social care, to work more closely together, to try to provide better care within available resources. She sees the LMC as a major influence on this in Leeds as the changes affecting General Practice are so fast and furious, and politically driven.

She feels there is a need to continue to raise the profile of General Practice and the provision of care in the community.

Outside work she is a mother of growing boys, a consultant's wife, and likes walking, swimming and reading.

VICE CHAIR – DR RAJ MENON

Raj Menon qualified in 1974 and has been a member of the Committee since April 1995. He took over the Assistant Secretary's role from Dr. Amanda Robinson in April 2005. His LMC duties include shadowing the Medical Secretary and liaising with the lay secretariat in relation to the Committee's work. He is also the Editor of the LMC Viewpoint.

His main interest is dealing with issues relating to performance and complaints. He sees the LMC working hard to protect GP interests in the light of APMS and slow privatisation of Primary Care. He also has an interest in GP the provision of GP education.

Outside medicine he enjoys running, circuit training and playing golf badly.

MEDICAL SECRETARY - DR PRANJIT BHATTACHARYYA

Pranjit Bhattacharyya qualified in 1972 and has been a member of Leeds LMC since May 1992 and its Treasurer from September 1996 until he became Chair in April, 2005.

Pran's ambitions for the LMC are to see the Committee steer the profession through the current changes and help constituents, as well as the PCTs, while maintaining its central position and safeguarding GPs' interests. Long-term goals are to ensure that GPs retain a firm presence and control in the PCTs and thereafter.

Clinical interests include coronary prevention programmes and improved control of diabetes in the primary care setting.

When not busy being a GP Pran is keen on golf cooking and travelling.

ASSISTANT MEDICAL SECRETARY – DR RICHARD VAUTREY

Richard has been our Medical Secretary since April, 1999. He qualified in Manchester in 1988 and has worked in places as varied as Rochdale and Nigeria. He became a partner at Meanwood Group Practice in 1994 and was first elected to the LMC in 1995.

In addition to his work for the LMC, he is also the GPC representative for the Leeds area and the GPC Deputy Chairman.

TREASURER - DR JONATHAN ADAMS

Jonathan Adams qualified in 1986 and has been a member of the Committee since March 1995. He took over the Assistant Medical Secretary's role from Dr David Ashelford in November 1998 and after a spell as Vice Chair, took on the Treasurer's role in April, 2005.

His objectives for the LMC are to reconstitute the Committee into a strong, robust organisation which moves with the times and which is responsive both to local members and to Leeds-wide national issues. He believes that the LMC should continue to be the leading voice for General Practice in Leeds and should protect and encourage the strength and qualities of primary care in the new NHS.

Clinical Interests include inner city general practice, primary care development / enhancement and addiction services in the primary care setting.

Jonathan has just stepped down as Chairman of the North East Leeds PEC. He has previously been a commissioning GP with Leeds Heath Authority and has sat on various committees involved with emergency services, winter pressures and mental health.

Outside work, Jonathan participates in a weekly game of football with other medics and is active in a local Christian fellowship.

PERMANENT STAFF

EXECUTIVE OFFICER – KATHRYN TATE

Executive Officer, Kathryn Tate, joined Leeds LMC in April 2007.

A graduate in Business Management and post graduate in Managing Health and Social Care.

Kathryn wishes to ensure the LMC offers support and represents the views of General Practice in the fast moving environment of primary care.

SECRETARIAL ASSISTANT – MRS HELEN REYNOLDS

Helen Reynolds, Secretarial Assistant, joined Leeds LMC in May 1993 and works part-time to support Kathryn Tate in undertaking the administrative functions of the LMC office.

Helen has been in secretarial work for the past 25 years and, as many readers will know, she plays a very active role in making the LMC's administration efficient and responsive to constituents' needs.

A mother of three grown-up sons and grandmother to three grandsons and three granddaughters, she enjoys keeping fit, gardening and entertaining her grandchildren.