



Member Newsletter – Summer 2026



*Dr Rob Barnett, Vice-Chair.
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News from the Chair

If you attended the joint UK LMC and LMC Secretaries Conference in May, you might have met Jill, our Chief Executive, on the exhibition stand or heard Rob, our Vice-Chair, addressing conference. We would like to thank the Conference Chair and the Agenda Committee for this opportunity to give an overview of our activities and to make a collection during the conference dinner. Thanks to your generosity we raised £6,521, including Gift Aid.

In his update, Rob reminded colleagues of the changes we have introduced over recent years to enable us to continue supporting GP colleagues in need. Despite these changes, our 2025 accounts showed a deficit for the third year running and we had to draw on our reserves again. The deficit for the year was £48,799.

As a result of this, we have reviewed our support packages once more and have made the difficult decision to restrict the time that grant support is given to 12 months. We are also further reducing the assistance given to Registrars so that the grants we award are now mainly targeted towards qualified GPs, and have taken steps to decrease our overheads, including office staffing.

A large part of our income comes from donations and we would like to thank all those LMCs and individual members who donate. We are also grateful to GP colleagues who give through fundraising activities. If this is something you would be interested in – whether it be a marathon, a sponsored walk, or even a cricket match - please do contact the office at info@cameronfund.org.uk.

Would your practice be happy to help spread the word about the work of the Cameron Fund? If so, please contact the office and we can email you an A4 flyer that can be displayed in staff rooms to help raise awareness of what we do with your colleagues.

The Fund's AGM was held in May and we were delighted to welcome Dr Eimear Byrne as the new joint representative for Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex following an election in this area. Following a separate call for nominations, we will also be welcoming Dr Maude Donkers as the new joint representative for Scotland and Dr Lesli Davies as a new appointed trustee. We will be introducing them in the next issue. Sadly, we had to say goodbye Dr Eddie Crawford, Dr John Kedward and Dr Zoe Norris and I would like to finish by thanking all three for their wisdom and great support during their time as trustees.

Dr Terry John, Chair of the Cameron Fund

Introducing our new trustees



Dr Eimear Byrne

(Joint representative for Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex)

Eimear is originally from Ireland, but trained as a GP in Cambridge, where she has remained. She was a GP partner for 18 years but changed to a Portfolio role after the Covid pandemic, primarily working as a Locum. She is a member of the Cambridgeshire LMC.

Throughout her career Eimear had undertaken voluntary and charitable work. She is passionate about women's health, encouraging physical activity, and enabling people to make informed decisions about their health so they can maximise their future wellbeing.



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Making a difference ...

We would like to share this message of thanks from Joseph, one of our recent beneficiaries:

"I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to the Cameron Fund Council for agreeing to award me the grant of £800 for November. This support is vital and greatly appreciated.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for the incredible support the Fund has provided since my initial application in March 2025. Your ongoing assistance has been instrumental in helping me manage a very challenging period, and the advice I received from your financial advisor was particularly helpful in giving me a clear plan to constructively address my financial situation.

I am focused on establishing a stable financial situation in early 2026. Thank you again for your support and help during this time. I am eternally grateful."

Joseph was a GP partner going through a difficult divorce. The family home had been sold but he could not access his share of the proceeds and had built up debt. The stress of the divorce and his debts was impacting his mental health. The Cameron Fund provided Money Advice, helping him to reduce his debts, and grant funding until the divorce was finalised.

Thank you for your donations



Thank you so much to everyone who has supported and continues to support the Cameron Fund. Your donations make all the difference and allow us to keep helping GPs in financial difficulty.

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