How we are funded:
We are funded by a statutory levy which is collected from practices – we don’t receive NHS or public funding.

How to become a member of the LMC:
Membership of the LMC and the support it can offer is open to all GPs working in general practice in Devon, whether as principals in a GMS, PMS or APMS practice, salaried doctors, out of hours GPs, locums and other sessional doctors.

How to get involved:
If you’re an experienced GP, new to the profession, or a trainee, and you’re interested in getting involved with the LMC please contact us and we will assign you to a mentor.
You will be given an opportunity to attend some of our key meetings as an observer to get an insight into the work that we do.
Representatives on our committees are democratically elected – you may even want to consider standing for election.
Elected GPs come together to highlight current issues in general practice and feed back to their constituency. They are paid a fee and expenses for their time at committee meetings.
Who we are:
We are an influential and dynamic organisation, acting as the voice of grassroots GPs and practices in Devon.
As the only statutory and fully independent representative in the county, we have the power to make meaningful change.
We also bring stability and continuity, despite regular changes elsewhere in the NHS and local health system.

What we do:
We address issues such as workload, workforce and resilience on behalf of local GPs and practices.

Our strengths:
- ‘Golden engagement thread’ – our link between the consulting room and the Government
- LMC representation on the national General Practitioners Committee (GPC) – providing a link to the Government to influence contractual negotiations and improvements
- Expertise, input and robust challenge around reshaping local healthcare
- Provide advice and guidance, help resolve issues and share best practice
- Provide confidential practice support to vulnerable GP practices
- Provide confidential pastoral support to individual GPs/Practice Managers.

On a day to day basis we can help you with advice and guidance in areas such as:
- Contracts
- Interaction with hospitals
- Partnership agreements or disagreements
- Fee charging
- General Medical Services (GMS) contracts
- Personal Medical Services (PMS) contracts
- Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) contracts
- Care Quality Commission registration and compliance
- Complaints and disciplinary issues
- Medical records
- Revalidation
- Vaccinations
- Pensions
- Devon health system insight
- Confidential pastoral support to all GPs.

The LMC also works very closely with practice managers and attends their meetings to provide information and listen to local issues.

Communication
Communication between LMC representatives and constituent GPs is essential. We communicate in many ways including:
- newsletters
- website
- social media
- media
- events
- meetings
- consultations.