Dear Colleague,

If you'll allow me, I'd like to start with some non-RCGP Wales news this week. This weekend, I am taking part in a sleep out to raise funds for homelessness charities. There is more information and the opportunity to donate if you wish to do so at: [https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MairHopkin](https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MairHopkin).

The GP indemnity scheme introduced in Wales this year provides cover for clinical matters, but it does not extend to include GP educators from claims made by learners. Such cases are rare, but the unintended consequence of this omission is that it can act as a disincentive for GPs to take on roles as educators. As such, we feel that Health Education Improvement Wales should seriously consider providing such cover. To that end, Peter and I have written a joint letter with Dr Phil White, Chair of the General Practitioners Committee asking for an urgent update from HEIW. We'll let you know the outcome.

This week Peter visited DEMEC (Developing Excellence in Medical Education Conference) in Manchester. This is held every couple of years with a view to supporting people in medical education. It's a good place to find out about new ideas and what's going on across the UK. It is focused not just on postgraduate medical education but also on undergraduates and of course it covers the whole spread of the profession.

I know that Peter was pleased to see that GPs were the largest specialty represented. It reminds us that as a College we always need to give thought to the support we are giving to GPs who are involved in medical education. This could include GP trainers, appraisers, mentors or GP educators of medical students or other learners in primary care. Peter and I want to find out what sort of things your College in Wales should be doing to support you as educators. Views will be gratefully received. You can email any thoughts on this topic to ChairRCGPWales@rcgp.org.uk.

Speak to you soon,

Best wishes

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