



## Member Newsletter – Summer 2023



### *News from the Chair*

It does not need me to remind readers that we live in challenging times, not just for the country but for General Practice in particular. At the Cameron Fund we have seen further evidence with 2022 seeing a 30% increase in activity in terms of beneficiaries and monies distributed. The first part of this year saw a further 30% increase over last year. The Trustees at the Cameron Fund have always been diligent in keeping the finances of the Fund in balance. This year we undertook a regular review of our investment and after a rigorous process have changed from Sarasins to CCLA. Nevertheless, it is likely that this year for the first time we will have to use some of our capital to maintain our support to colleagues "to prevent poverty and hardship".

The Cameron Fund has also seen other recent changes with the retirement of Mary Barton, the Cases and Promotions Officer. Mary has been a very valued member of the staff. One especial highlight of Mary's time with the Fund was liaising with the other Medical Charities to set up the joint website [Help me I'm a Doctor](#). We wish Mary well in her future endeavours.

We are also sorry that Dougy Moederle-Lumb has left the Cameron Fund. Dougy was an excellent Trustee for the Yorkshire area and we will miss his support and enthusiasm for the Fund as well as his wisdom and knowledge when considering cases at Council meetings.

At the same time we were pleased to welcome our new Trustees at the last Council meeting, Rob Barnett from Liverpool and John Kedward from Bedford. Both have a wealth of experience and expertise which will benefit the Fund and beneficiaries. At the next meeting we will welcome Brian McGregor, replacing Dougy Moederle-Lumb, and Richard Vautrey from Leeds. We look forward to working with them.

Jill Rowlinson, the Fund's CEO, Terry John, Vice Chair, and Simon Parkinson, Deputy Treasurer, attended the LMC Conference in May. We were grateful to have a stand and for Terry to have the opportunity to address Conference with an update of the Fund's activities.

We are grateful to all members and LMCs for their ongoing support to enable us to give hope and assistance to our colleagues in distress.



### *Introducing our new trustees (Part 1!)*



#### **Dr Rob Barnett**

Rob describes himself as a true scouser, having lived in Liverpool all his life. He graduated from Liverpool University in 1983 and has been a GP partner in Liverpool since 1987, although he now works part-time. He joined Liverpool LMC in 1988, becoming LMC Secretary in 1990.

As Secretary, Rob has come across many colleagues who have at some time or another fallen on hard times; having the ability to help them has been one of the more rewarding aspects of the role for him. He had been thinking of becoming a Cameron Fund trustee for some years. Now working part-time, it felt like the right moment to apply and help colleagues in another way. He says:



*“The current environment in which we find ourselves is distressing, and seeing colleagues and their families struggling in the way some are, is disturbing. Hopefully, by being part of the Cameron Fund, I can put my time and skills to good use”.*

Rob enjoys travelling and is fascinated by penguins. He has visited them in many places and hopes to go on a cruise to see them in the Antarctic in the near future.



**Dr John Kedward**

John is a GP Partner in Bedford and has had a varied career that has included GP Trainer, GP Researcher, GP Appraiser, GP Tutor, Training Programme Director, Associate Dean, Medical Director of a not-for-profit Primary Care social enterprise and GP mentor; as well as continuing to work as a regular GP.

Outside work, John is a keen gardener and runner; and enjoys spending family time with Joan, four adult children, and extended family.

*Making a difference ...*

We are delighted to share this message received from one of our long-term beneficiaries, Dr C E:

*“I just want to take this opportunity to thank you and everyone at the Cameron fund for your generous support since the passing of my husband. Without your financial assistance by both means of grants and loans, I would never have been able to study for and complete Masters in Pharmacy. Our then 7 month old son who lost his daddy is now 7 years old and thriving both academically and extra curriculum activities. Therefore, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to Cameron fund for all your help and ongoing support at the most difficult time of my life.”*

*How you can support us*



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