



Public Board Minutes

**MEDCO BOARD MEETING
TIME:**

**TUESDAY 20 APRIL 2021
10:00– 12:00**

MEETING PLACE:

Microsoft Teams Meeting

ATTENDEES:

Martin Heskins (MH) – Executive Chair
Brian Simpson (BS) – Chartered Society of Physiotherapists
David Bott (DB) – Association of Personal Injury Lawyers
Jackie Proctor (JP) – Motor Insurers Bureau
Kate Fox (KF) – The Law Society
Nigel Teasdale (NT) – Forum of Insurance Lawyers
Simon Margolis (SM) – Association of Medical Reporting Organisation
Susan Brown (SB) – Motor Accident Solicitors Society

OBSERVERS ATTENDING THE BOARD

Adam Ballard (AB) – ABI Representative.
Leigh Evans (LE) – Head of Operations MedCo
Nadine Silverton (NS) – Data Services Officer
Mark Waughman (MW) – Data Services Officer

SECRETARIAT – MINUTE TAKER:

Jean Gillett - MIB

APOLOGIES:

Ben Fletcher (BF) – CC0 MIB
Surendra Kumar (SK) – British Medical Association
Scott Tubbritt (ST) – Ministry of Justice

1. WELCOME

MH welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.1 Declarations of Interests/Gifts

No new declarations

1.2 Announcements

2. MONTHLY UPDATES

2.1 Audit

In view of the current pandemic, all audit visits have been suspended from 23 March 2020 per MedCo website announcement. New MRO applications are being accepted again with associated audits being conducted remotely.

Audits of DMEs and MROs that apply to undertake work for Unrepresented Claimants will commence from week commencing 22 March 2021.

The Audit Committee continue to monitor use of the system, taking appropriate actions where misuse is identified.

The Committee are continuing to work with the MedCo Board to prepare for changes needed for the PI reforms that take effect in May 2021.

2.2 Operations

The Operations Committee meet on a weekly basis to review all feedback, queries and complaints from users of MedCo.

Each case is considered on its own merit, and the Committee agree the appropriate action to resolve each issue providing feedback where appropriate to the parties concerned. During this month the Committee have reviewed issues relating to informed consent, amendment to reports and user concerns relating to the validation of reports.

The Committee continue to monitor cases where action has been taken against an expert and/or conditions have been applied by a regulator. MedCo assists regulators with their investigations where required.

2.3 EAPR

EAPR continue to monitor experts and their data and apply sanctions, where appropriate. The EAPR are also preparing for the Whiplash Reforms.

2.4 IT

2.5 Education and Training

The Committee are currently working on a new training module alongside our training supplier to support the changes introduced by the whiplash reforms.

The Committee continue to meet on a regular basis to ensure the accreditation and CPD framework is maintained and to address any associated day to day issues.

2.6 Statistics

The report was noted as read.

2.7 Risk Register

The report was noted as read.

Next Board Meeting Tuesday 25 May2021