

# MedCo Public Board Minutes March 2024

**MEDCO BOARD MEETING  
TIME:**

**TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2024  
10:00 – 12.30**

**MEETING PLACE:**

**Microsoft Teams**

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**DIRECTORS:**

Martin Heskins (MH)	- Executive Chair
Toks Aluko (TA)	- Chartered Society of Physiotherapist
Susan Brown (SB)	- Motor Accident Solicitors Society
David Bott (DB)	- Non-Executive Director
Kate Fox (KF)	- The Law Society
John Howells (JH)	- Non-Executive Director
Ian Mackie (IM)	- Non-Executive Director
Nigel Teasdale (NT)	- Forum of Insurance Lawyers
Simon Margolis (SM)	- Association of Medical Reporting Organisation
Joanne May (JM)	- Gibraltar Insurance Association
Surendra Kumar (SK)	- British Medical Association

**OBSERVERS ATTENDING THE BOARD:**

Leigh Evans (LE)	- Head of Operations MedCo
Nadine Silverton (NS)	- MedCo
Scott Tubbritt (ST)	- Ministry of Justice
Mark Waughman (MW)	- MedCo

**SECRETARIAT:**

Jean Abbit (JA)	- MedCo
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**APOLOGIES:**

Brett Dixon (BD)	- Association of Personal Injury Lawyers
Jackie Proctor (JP)	- Association of British Insurers

## 1. WELCOME

### 1.1 Announcements

None

### 1.2 MedCo Board Minutes from 13 February 2023

Approved

### 1.3 MedCo Public Board Minutes from 13 February 2023

Approved

### 1.4 Actions and Decision List

Updated

### 1.5 Board Dates

Included for information.

It was noted that 4 June and 8 October are face to face meetings

## 2. UPDATES

### 2.1. MoJ Update

The OIC (Official Injury Claim) advisory group minutes, were released on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

Preparation is underway for an upcoming advisory group meeting, including finalizing the agenda and associated papers.

The tariff review is currently ongoing, with the deadline for responses set for April 2nd.

The consultation on medical reporting is still ongoing, with progress being made.

The consultation on the personal discount rate is also ongoing, with a deadline of April 9th.

## 3. MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS

The Board were talked through the main highlights of the accounts.

## 4. COMMITTEE UPDATES

### 4.1. Audit

The Committee remains vigilant in identifying issues and irregular behaviours, actively working to eliminate such practices.

GT have been working to the agreed audit plan which includes the auditing of AUT users.

### 4.2 Operations

The committee have been addressing identification issues both in terms of experts during the registration process and claimants at examinations; and are looking at drafting some guidance to address the issues.

The Committee have also been addressing issues that have arisen from the notification of second searches

The Board was updated that the committee continue to engage with addressing the more regular issues including Non-payment of experts, amendments to reports, delay and tariff/non-tariff references.

### 4.3 EAPR

The Quality Assessment (QA) program is ongoing, with several reviews currently in progress. Follow up QAs are showing feedback is being taken on board leading to improvements in the quality of reports.

Work in relation to case data uploads, reports completed in a day and practising addresses continues as part of the monitoring process.

### 4.4 Education and Training Committee

The committee is currently assessing all the existing accreditation and CPD content to ensure it is up to date and remains fit for purpose.

The latest training module based on common findings from the MAB reviews is currently being drafted and progressing. This new module should be ready for the new 2024/2025 CPD year.

## **4.5 IT**

The Board received an update on the progress of the IT Tech refresh project.

## **4.6 Statistics**

The report was noted as read.

## **6. SRA MOU**

The Board agreed to progress with a memorandum of understanding between MedCo and the SRA regarding the exchange of information.

## **7. ID Checks**

The Board agreed to progress with the implementation of ID checks on all new medical expert registrations and will look to implement a service for all existing experts in due course.

**The meeting ended at 11.45**