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Medical Protection partners with Isle of Wight GP Federation

Medical Protection and One Wight Health Limited (OWHL) GP Federation have formed a partnership offering GP practices access to advice, support, educational programmes and workshops that will help them meet local healthcare needs.

The OWHL GP Federation was set up in 2014 by GPs on the Isle of Wight who wanted to work together, share best practice, and share responsibility for improving and delivering high quality services for patients. They were successful in becoming one of NHS England's 'vanguard' sites offering joined up GP, hospital, community and mental health services.

Medical Protection, a leading protection organisation, offers flexible membership options which reflect the changing patterns of primary care delivery. OWHL is the first GP federation Medical Protection has partnered with, and the membership packages provided for each GP practice in the federation have been tailored to meet its needs.

Dr Rob Hendry, Head of Medical Services at Medical Protection said:

"The NHS Five Year Forward Plan has led to changes in the way some primary care services are delivered, and this has resulted in new hubs, collaborations and partnerships which are all different. We know providers are looking for flexible indemnity arrangements which meet their needs and we are leading the way in adapting our services to support this changing environment.

"We are delighted One Wight Health Limited has chosen Medical Protection to be its key provider of professional protection. This partnership ensures we can offer protection, first class support and advice and specialist risk management workshops. We have a long term agreement to support the development of new services on the island. We look forward to working in partnership with other organisations like OWHL."

Jo Seward, One Wight Health Limited Development Manager said:

"Many of our GPs were already with Medical Protection, so it seemed like a natural extension of that to work across the island in a joined up way with Medical Protection.

"Our partnership allows us to design flexible and innovative approaches to delivering high quality responsive primary care services across our island. It means we know clinicians and managers can quickly access indemnity advice to underpin proposals for changes as we implement an island wide transformation programme across health and care services.

"As an island, getting support locally makes a huge difference to clinicians and managers who often have to travel off-island to access training and development. Having specialist risk management workshops right here means logistical arrangements for this training is so much more straightforward."

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Our in-house experts assist with the wide range of legal and ethical problems that arise from professional practice. This can include clinical negligence claims, complaints, medical and dental council inquiries, legal and ethical dilemmas, disciplinary procedures, inquests and fatal accident inquiries.

Our philosophy is to support safe practice in medicine and dentistry by helping to avert problems in the first place. We do this by promoting risk management through our workshops, E-learning, clinical risk assessments, publications, conferences, lectures and presentations.

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