

Help available to allow vets to enjoy practice

Dear editor,

I was saddened by the letter from Shams Mir (June 2 issue), because many of the points he makes are already addressed by SPVS.

If Dr Mir was a member, he would already know that SPVS conducts an annual salary survey for all of its members, employers and employees, so that all may avoid exploitation.

Our member service document, *Managing Expectations*, sets out all of the areas that employers and employees should address in employment contract negotiations.

Our CPD programme has regular sessions on being better employers and employees through knowledge and training and we exhort all members of the practice team to build better working conditions for the benefit of everyone.

Our annual congress last month had "Happiness" as its theme and dealt with issues of depression, addiction and suicide on the first day and then team working on the following one.

My sadness comes from realising that Dr Mir seems unaware of either SPVS or the services it provides. SPVS will redouble its efforts to publicise its services and benefits to empower vets like Dr Mir to find a practice that matches their expectations and allow them to join the majority of vets who find practice enjoyable.

Yours faithfully,

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