**DUDLEY LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

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**Minutes 03/01/14**

**PRESENT**: Dr Singh Sahni (Chairman), Dr Horsburgh (Secretary), Dr Mittal (Treasurer), Dr Blackman, Dr Johal, Dr Khan, Dr Nancarrow, Dr Prashara, Dr Suleman and Anna Nicholls (AT).

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies have been received from Dr Bramble, Dr Plant and Dr Collins, Public Health.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 06/12/13 which were then confirmed and signed as correct.

**PRESENTATION**

Contract Compliance Assessment Visit – Anna Nicholls, Solihull, Birmingham and Black Country Area Team.

For presentation slides please see LMC website. The proposal is currently at draft stage and should be signed off by committee by the end of January.

The LMC discussed the concern that practices may be subjected to numerous time consuming visits from the CCG, CQC and Steve Field in addition to the AT.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 LMC Constitution – The document which has been based on the BMA services template (and reviewed by BMA lawyers) has been emailed to LMC members for comment.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to circulate to LMC members and to Anna Nicholls for the AT.

**4. CHAIRMAN’S AND MEMBER’S COMMUNICATIONS**

4.1 Phasing out of the Minimum Practice Income Guarantee (MPIG) – The MPIG is a top up payment to some GMS practices which was introduced as part of the 2004 contract to smooth the transition to new funding arrangements. The fund is now considered by NHS England to be inequitable.

**Action:** Anna Nicholls to check as to whether any local practices will be financially affected by the withdrawal of funding.

4.2 PMS locum superannuation – Practice Managers need to be aware of the letter from NHS England confirming arrangements for the uplift for PMS practices relating to locum employer superannuation costs.

4.3Child Protection Policy – Every practice needs a policy, the Steppingstones Medical Practice has written a policy which can be utilised by other practices.

4.4 Pension Annual Allowance – The NHSPA have been issuing Annual Allowance statements to pension scheme members informing them that they have breached the limit for 2011/12. However, there seem to have been administrative miscalculations leading to inappropriate breach notifications.

4.5 Access fund – GPs are invited to apply for funding from a £50 million ‘challenge fund’ that has been set up for piloting improvement in access. NHS England plans to set up a minimum of 9 pilots with population sizes of at least 40, 000, which may lend itself to locality bids.

4.6 Christmas Opening – Breach notices have been sent to some practices in the London area where practices have had the incorrect answering machine message when closing early prior to the out of hours service taking over.

**5.** **CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP**

5.1 WMLETB – No further update.

5.2 Interface Group – Next meeting to take place February 2014.

5.3 Primary Care Strategy- Meeting next week.

5.4 PC Incentive Scheme –

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to discuss any changes with Dan King.

5.5 *Members News* – Received, includes a tribute to Dr Liz Pope.

**6**. **CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE BMA & RCGP**

6.1 Negotiating News has been withdrawn.

6.2 GPC Newsletter – On LMC website topics discussed included contract changes 2014/15 and charges for occupational health vaccinations.

6.3 BMA Local – None received.

6.4 GP Trainees Subcommittee Newsletter – issues discussed included a new contract for junior doctors.

6.5 Changes to junior doctor / consultant contract – The BMA has launched a programme to involve members in the negotiations about proposed contract changes. A series of 6 events called ‘what’s a doctor worth? ‘are to be held. The local event will be held at the Botanical Gardens, Birmingham on Tuesday 21 January 2014.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GPC WEST MIDLANDS / BCLMC Group**

7.1 The next Nuts and Bolts meeting will take place on 27/02/2013 with Steve Field.

**8.** **CORRESPONDENCE** **FROM THE PCT, HOSPITAL TRUSTS & DH**

8.1 Pharmacy Applications – NHS England, Birmingham, Solihull & The Black Country Area Team received an application from Murrays Healthcare for a relocation from Stourbridge Pharmacy, Bradley Road, Stourbridge, DY8 1UZ to Lion Medical Centre, 2 Lowndes Road, Stourbridge.

An application offering unforeseen benefits at Port way Lifestyle Centre, Newbury Lane, Oldbury B69 1HE by PASAB Ltd t/a Jhoots Pharmacy has been refused.

An application for inclusion in the pharmaceutical list at 57 High Street, Rowley Regis B65 0EH has been refused.

8.2 Primary Care Development Committee – Future meetings are to be held on Thursday, Dr Suleman will be able to attend. The LMC members acknowledged the benefit of continuing to have a LMC member on the committee.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to email LMC members asking for volunteers to attend

**9.** **MISCELLANEOUS**

9.1 Walsall LMC News received.

9.2 South Staffordshire Newsletter received.

9.3 Worcestershire LMC Newsletter received.

**10. AOB**

NEXT MEETING:Friday 7th February 2014, 12:45pm at Atlantic House, Dudley Rd, Lye, DY9 8EL.

Lunch will be provided.