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c/o Dudley CCG

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**Minutes 08/01/2016**

**PRESENT**: Dr Singh Sahni (Chairman), Dr Horsburgh (Secretary), Dr Mittal, Dr Bhardwaj, Dr Dawes, Dr Nancarrow, Dan King (CCG), Dr Ahmad (GPC Black Country rep), Anna Nicholls (LAT), Jacquelyn Horwood (Practice Manager).

**1. APOLOGIES**: Dr Nancarrow, Dr Plant, Dr Abuaffan (Public Health),

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 04/12/15were amended to include an apology from Dr Prashara.

**PRESENTATION –** Datix for Significant Event reporting, Isla Roberts and Jim Young.

Dudley CCG has recently purchased the incident and complaints management modules to address the limitations of the previous systems. Datrix provides the potential for practices to utilise the system for their own incident management, the generated reports could prove useful for both doctor and nurse revalidation.

Issues debated by LMC members included the impact this system will have on incident reporting and the process of sharing learning outcomes.

The presentation slides can be reviewed on the LMC website.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Saltbrook Place – The CCG has drawn up a job description for one session per week for a GP with specialist interest, at Saltbrook Place to offer assessment and support for residents who have difficulties accessing primary care services. The CCG is currently investigating funding options for the role.

Prime Care are to cease supplying the service for the three Dudley patients who access primary care services via the violent patient scheme. A decision will need to be made in the next three months as to how this service will be commissioned by the CCG.

3.2 Patient Online – Laura Broster from the communication team is setting up workshops on how the NHS England programme designed to support GP practices to offer and promote online services to patients can potentially be rolled out to practices. Issues such as the lack of resources to implement the programme and workforce implications remain a concern to the LMC.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to attend the regional planning meeting to represent Dudley.

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

4.1 BMA Special Conference – In response to GP concerns regarding the state of general practice and the NHS a special conference will be held in London on Saturday 30 January 2016. Dr Mittal is to attend, if any other GP wishes to attend, please contact Dr Horsburgh.

4.2 Vulnerable Practice Support – A £10 million programme of support has been developed by NHSE for practices identified as in difficulty; practices will be required to match fund. Two local practices meet the national criteria for support; however these practices have not yet signed up to the programme.

4.3 CQC letter – Dr Morley, Birmingham LMC has written a letter to Professor Field to voice concerns at his remarks reported in the Daily Mail, that general practice has failed as a profession.

4.4 GP Registrars – Martin Wilkinson, Director of Postgraduate GP Education, West Midlands, has written to inform LMCs that the tendering process should commence in January for a single employer for GP trainees, either just in GP practices or for the whole of their three years of training.

4.5 Rates Rebate – NHSE has written to practices to clarify the arrangements regarding the return of funds to NHSE. Practices are reminded that all refunds that are paid to practices by the local authority must be returned to NHS England and are not to be retained by the practice.

4.6 General Practice to Diabetic Retinal Screening (GP2DRS) – This national service was devised to make the transfer of cohort information from GP practices to screening programmes more reliable and consistent and the system is now ready to be piloted. GP2DRS is not mandatory, practices can choose to participate or not via the CQRS mechanism.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to discuss with Jo Taylor, CCG Lead the local issues.

4.7 Strike Update – The next strike date is 13 January 2016 and will affect all doctors below consultant level who are BMA members.

**5.** **CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP / NHS ENGLAND**

5.1 Primary Care Commissioning Committee – The Winter Pressure Scheme is moving forward, there has been a good response from practices; however, a high DNA rate of appointments has been noted.

Although Dudley did not qualify for centralised funding for the practice based pharmacy scheme, options for different sources of funding are being investigated.

5.2 QOF Suspension and Future GP contract – The new contractual framework which reflects local needs will be piloted in due course. EMIS templates have been developed to support the process, although practices could write their own template, this could potentially impact on the CCG’s ability to deliver payments in a timely fashion. The LMC recommends commencing with the standardised template which will be robustly reviewed. GPs with an interest in IT are encouraged to participate in the process within the development group.

5.3 Clinical Development Committee – The Community Based Respiratory Service specification was approved.

The non-emergency patient transport service requires re-procurement.

**6. PUBLIC HEALTH**

6.1 Sexual Health Event – Dudley sexual health services are holding a market engagement event on 27 January 2016 in order to communicate their vision of future sexual health service delivery.

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

7.1 GPC News – Issues debated include election to BMA Council and contract negotiations for 2017/17; see LMC website.

7.2 Physician Associates – Briefing note for LMCs has been published by the BMA and can be viewed on the LMC website.

7.3 BMA local – A group of 35 Birmingham practices has agreed to merge into a super-practice with 200 GP partners and 275 000 patients becoming the largest practice in the UK.

7.4 GP Practice Development – According to the BMA one in five investment projects in GP facilities designed to improve patient care could collapse. Difficulties arise in delays with supported bids of more than six months and keeping new buildings maintained.

7.5 LMC Secretaries Conference 2015 - This was held on 16 December 2015. Slides can be viewed on the LMC website.

7.6 Avoiding Unplanned Admissions – Due to ambiguous wording of when a care plan review had to take place some practices have been classified as failing component 2 of the Avoiding Unplanned Admissions DES. NHSE has reviewed the situation and as a result most practices will receive full payment of component 2.

7.7 Vaccine Update – MenB and central supply of paracetamol phase out – see LMC website.

**8.** **CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE WMRLMC / BC BMA**

8.1 GPC Regional Meeting and WMLMC Nuts & Bolts – To be held 21 January 2016 in Wolverhampton, all GPs are welcome, please contact Dr Horsburgh.

BCBMA: Dr Sharma was elected Honorary President, Dr Nicholas as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and Dr Lewis as Deputy Chairman.

**9.** **CORRESPONDENCE** **FROM NHS TRUSTS, DH, GMC**

9.1 Pharmacy Applications – NHS England has considered and approved an application for inclusion in the pharmaceutical list by Medisina Pharma LTD at Unit 21, Lye Business Centre, Enterprise Drive, Hayes Lane, Lye DY9 8QH.

NHS England has refused an application from Murrays Healthcare LTD for a no significant change relocation to 4 Lowdnes Road, Stourbridge, DY8 3SS.

The proposed relocation of Coopers Pharmacy from 206-208 Causeway Green Road, Oldbury to 28 Pound Road, Oldbury has been noted.

9.2 Mental Health Workshop – CPD certified Mental Health Crisis Care conference is taking place 3 February 2016 in Birmingham.

9.3 Gonorrhoea and Antimicrobial Resistance – Dual therapy of injectable ceftriaxone and oral azithromycin are the current recommendations.

**10. MISCELLANEOUS**

10.1 Walsall LMC News was received.

**11**. **AOB**

11.1 MPIG practices - The financial impact of the changes to practices was discussed. The three practices locally affected do not meet the nationally set criteria to qualify from the National Support Scheme. The Tower Hamlets headroom funding was discussed; this was a local incentive scheme not specifically related to the issues of MPIG practices and does not set a precedent for Dudley GPs to receive extra support from the CCG.

NEXT MEETING: **Friday 5 February 2016**, 12:45pm at Atlantic House, Dudley Rd, Lye, DY9 8EL.

Lunch will be provided.