**DUDLEY LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

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**Minutes 07/03/14**

**PRESENT**: Dr Horsburgh (Secretary), Dr Mittal (Treasurer), Dr Dawes, Dr Nancarrow, Dr Shather, Anna Nicholls (AT).

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies have been received from Dr Singh Sahni (Chairman), Dr Bhardwaj, Dr Bramble, Dr Johal, Dr Plant, Dr Kanhaiya, Dr Saroufeem,and Dr Handa.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 07/02/14 were confirmed and signed as correct.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 QOF variations and LES - Dr Horsburgh has written to the CCG to express concerns. The LMC supports the use of a single contract but does not support the prerequisites. These are enhanced services in addition to the core GMS and PMS contract and therefore provision should be optional. A reply is currently awaited.

The majority of practices have transferred to EMIS; issues arise regarding the administrative costs.

QOF Variation Scheme – Members are been asked to participate in a scheme which commits the practice to establish protocols for sharing access to GP records between practices and the new Urgent Care Centre. GPs need to ensure which Read codes are required to consent patients.

3.2 Complaints Process – Dudley CCG are no longer buying a complaints service from CSU.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to invite representatives from the CCG to a LMC meeting to explain the complaints process.

3.3 Phasing out of the Minimum Practice Income Guarantee (MPIG) – Three practices in Dudley will be substantially financially affected as a result of the MPIG reduction. Other practices may be marginally affected, the numbers involved need to be verified; if many practices are affected, the CCG could be approached to offer more support.

**Action:** Anna Nicholls to produce a list of all practices affected.

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

4.1 COPD LES Update – Sessions to update practitioners will be held on 08/05/14 and 13/05/14, sessions are mandatory for Lead GP and Lead Nurse in order to continue the COPD LES.

4.2 Direct referral from Opticians to Cataract treatment centres – The contract will continue after the automatic decommissioning date on March 31 2014.

4.3 Pension statements – These are not automatically send to practitioners and need to be requested.

4.4 Urgent Care Centre – Jason Evans is the lead, the centre is to be staffed by GPs. If patients present with a problem that should be dealt with by their GP the patient will be referred back to Primary Care.

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

5.1 WM LETB – No further update.

5.2 Interface Group – Next meeting to take place 11 March 2014, a volunteer is sought to attend in place of Dr Horsburgh who is on annual leave. The agenda includes practice performances, managing patient behaviour and an update on MPIG adjustments.

5.3 Primary Care Strategy- No recent meeting.

5.4 *Members News* –Dudley CCG update includes the Operational Five Year Plan which has been submitted to the Board for approval. Available on LMC website.

5.5 Primary Care Development Committee – The last meeting was held on 21 February 2014; issues debated included, improving access to Primary Care, Primary Care Challenge Fund, QOF, LES update and Call to Action for Pharmacy.

5.6 Clinical Development Committee – The structure of the Rapid Response team will be expanded to prevent hospital admissions by providing support for up to 72 hours.

5.7 PREVENT delivery is a specified requirement within the NHS Standard Contract for 2013/14. Workshops are available for practitioners to understand their role in risk reduction and therefore protecting vulnerable adults.

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

6.1 GPC Newsletter – Issues discussed included, changes in pension arrangements for salaried GPs in England and Wales and the King’s Fund report. Available on LMC website topics discussed included QOF scheme.

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

7.1 The last Nuts and Bolts meeting took place on 27/02/2013 with Steve Field; the new system of CQC assessment was debated.

7.2 BMI training – Update on anaphylaxis, CPR and AED awareness to be held on 26 March 2014.

7.3 BMA WMRC meeting – See LMC website.

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

8.1 Pharmacy Applications – Birmingham, Solihull and the Black Country Area Team have received an application offering unforeseen benefits where premises are not known within the vicinity of Woods Lane, Brierley Hill Stourbridge DY5 2QY.

An application from Boots UK for a no significant change relocation from Unit 1, Moor Centre Brierley Hill DY5 3AH to Albion House, Albion Street, Brierley Hill, West Midlands DY5 3EE has been received.

8.2 Foundation Payments to Training Practices – Any practice who had a Foundation Trainee before August 2013 should have already been paid. Payments for Foundation Trainees starting after August 2013 will be paid via Shared Business Services.

8.3 Primary Care Support Services Transformation Programme – NHS England is changing the way Primary Care support services are provided across England. Currently, no details are available.

8.4 Care.data update – The care.data public awareness campaign has been extended until the autumn. See LMC website.

**9.** **MISCELLANEOUS**

9.1 MTRAC – No update.

9.2 Worcestershire LMC Newsletter received – Auto-enrolment for pensions debated.

**10. AOB**

10.1 The RCGP Midland Faculty are offering a course entitled Pension Changes for GPs and their Practices to be held on 26 March 2014.

NEXT MEETING:Friday 4 April 2014, 12:45pm at Atlantic House, Dudley Rd, Lye, DY9 8EL.

Lunch will be provided.