**DUDLEY LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

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**Minutes 02/05/14**

**PRESENT**: Dr Singh Sahni (Chairman), Dr Horsburgh (Secretary), Dr Mittal (Treasurer), Dr Dawes, Anna Nicholls (AT) and Dr Abuaffan (Public Health).

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies have been received from Dr Plant.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 04/04/14 were confirmed and signed as correct.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Risk Stratification Tool – Practices are still awaiting the risk stratification tool to assist the collection data which has not previously been collected due to a delay in practices signing up to data sharing. However, the tool should be ready to be rolled out to practices in the near future.

Patients aged 75 or older are to have a named GP to assist transforming care of this age group and reduce avoidable hospital admissions. Practices will have some financial support to develop the integrated service model.

3.2 LMC Accounts –The LMC continues to be financially stable. The LMC levy to the GPC West Midlands has been reinstated to provide needed financial support for secretarial support and development of the website. Dr Mittal and Dr Horsburgh signed off the accounts.

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

4.1 PMS – A national review is to be carried out in order to apply equitable funding to PMS practices. LMCs are expected to be engaged in the local review process; the GPC has issued a checklist to assist in the process.

The co-commissioning of primary care services by the AT and CCG was discussed. However, issues surrounding an individual GPs performance will remain with the AT.

Concerns were raised regarding the reinvestment of premium funding, the LMC would like the CCG involved and the reinvestment of funds ideally kept in the local area.

4.2 Patient behaviour – A paper has been written by the AT and Dudley Interface Group detailing a process whereby GPs may identify episodes of inappropriate behaviour by their registered patients and assist them to adopt more acceptable patterns of behaviour.

4.3 Integrated Care – This was discussed by Dr Cartwright at the Integrated Care meeting two weeks ago. The concern was raised by LMC members that the nursing team are effectively managed.

4.4 Ltd Provider Status – A GP company provider model would allow for biding for AQP contracts. The ideal would be a Dudley wide provider company, with each practice as a share holder. Failure to develop a Ltd company could result in a loss of income to local practices if other providers successfully tender for services. The need to ensure that practices are commercially viable was debated; this issue will be debated at the forthcoming urgent meeting of GPs arranged by Dr Hegarty (see 5.9).

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

5.1 WM LETC – The last meeting was held March 2014 at which time workforce issues in primary and secondary care, the development of nursing career pathways in primary care and the physicians associate programme were discussed.

WM LETB – No further update.

5.2 Interface Group – The next meeting will be held 13 May 2014, there will be an update at the June LMC meeting.

5.3 Primary Care Implementation Group – Succession planning for the local area was raised by Dan King as 27% of GPs in the local area are aged 55 or older, if a large number of these practitioner decide to retire at about the same time this could lead to staffing difficulties; as there are already problems for practices trying to recruit new doctors.

5.4 *Members News* – None received.

5.5 Primary Care Development Committee – Dr Horsburgh attended the last meeting, items debated included the development of a quadrant board to show where a practice stands when assessed for quality versus cost, and this tool should highlight development needs.

CQC visits including the difficulty experienced by one practice when attempting to change the registered manager were also discussed.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh and Anna Nicholls to investigate the national requirements.

Dr Suleman previously attended the Primary Care Development Committee meetings on behalf of the LMC. If any member would be interested in taking over this role please discuss with Dr Horsburgh. Meeting are held monthly on a Thursday between 1pm to 3pm.

5.6 Clinical Development Committee – Dr Horsburgh attended the last meeting. The Urgent Care Centre, Palliative Gold Standard Framework and the Physical Activity Pathway were discussed.

5.7 Urgent Care Centre – This topic has been discussed at the Primary Care Development Committee meeting. The LMC still awaits an updated version of the contract document. The initial draft contained fundamental flaws and the LMC would like to review the final document before it is put out to tender in order to assure members that patient care will be improved. The idea of having an external medical director to monitor standards was mooted.

Action: Dr Horsburgh to write to Jason Evans on behalf of the LMC to ask for an updated draft document.

5.8 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) – This is a comprehensive assessment of the current and future pharmaceutical needs of the local population for community pharmacy, dispensing and appliance contractors. A local GP is sought to join the PNA steering group.

5.9 Urgent notice of extraordinary meeting for all GPs – Each practice has been asked to send a representative to attend this meeting to discuss two issues, QOF Replacement Scheme and the future of General Practice and GP provider organisations. The meeting will be held 15 May 2014, 7pm-9pm at the Copthorne Hotel, DY5 1UR.

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

6.1 GPC Newsletter – Issues discussed included QOF, see LMC website.

6.2 Premises – This remains a national issue, property services reorganisation remains ongoing.

6.3 Representation of women on the GPC – Female LMC members are been asked to complete a survey, this can be completed online.

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

7.1 GPCWM AGM – This was held 1 May 2014. The viability of continuing the GPCWM was debated, the conclusion being that the committee would continue in order to share information and provide support. Meetings will be limited to two Nuts and Bolts meeting per year with a national speaker and the AGM. Dr Horsburgh was re-elected as the Vice Chairman.

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

8.1 Pharmacy Applications – Birmingham, Solihull and the Black Country Area Team have refused an application for no significant change relocation to Lion Medical Centre by Murrays Healthcare.

An application for inclusion in the pharmaceutical list at Springvale Industrial Park, Unit 26, Union Street, Bilston, WV14 in respect of distance selling premises has been refused.

8.2 The national flu immunisation programme 2014/15 – the following are eligible for flu vaccination: those aged 65 and older, those in clinical risk groups, pregnant women, two, three and four year olds, carers, residents in long stay care homes and school aged children in pilot areas. See LMC website.

**9.** **MISCELLANEOUS**

9.1 MTRAC – The committee considers that Fluticasone furoate/vilanterol for the treatment of COPD cannot be recommended for prescribing due to the potential safety risk associated with the similarity of the inhaler colour to a reliever inhaler and the possibility of accidental steroid overdose.

9.2 Worcestershire LMC Newsletter received.

9.3 South Staffordshire Newsletter received.

9.4 Walsall LMC News received.

9.5 GP NHS Pay, Tax and Pension Update Seminar – A free seminar is to be held by BDO on 7 May 2014, 12.30 to 15.00; the venue is 125 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 3SD.

**10. AOB**

10.1 Public Health Training – The PH department are organising training for receptionists and HCAs entitled Let’s talk about sex. This will involve teaching participants to ask the correct basic questions, provide advice and sign post to the appropriate services.

10.2 Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG members’ event – A members event is to be held on 8 May 2014, Chris Ham, Chief Executive of the Kings Fund is to be the key speaker.

10.3 Dr Irani, a local GP practicing at the Ridgeway surgery is to retire, the LMC send good wishes.

10.4 Payment for courier services – Dudley GPs are now been charged for this service which previously was paid for by the AT. Anna Nicholls informed the LMC that Dudley was one of a few areas which did not pay for this service and that by introducing the charge Dudley has been brought into line with other areas who historically have had to pay for the service. The LMC **did not** support this increase in practice overheads.

NEXT MEETING:Friday 6 June 2014, 12:45pm at Atlantic House, Dudley Rd, Lye, DY9 8EL.

Lunch will be provided.