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c/o Dudley CCG

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**Minutes 10/07/15**

**PRESENT**: Dr Singh Sahni (Chairman), Dr Horsburgh (Secretary), Dr Mittal (Treasurer), Dr Nancarrow, Dr Kanhaiya, Dr Ahmad (GPC Black Country rep), Julie Robinson (CCG).

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

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 05/06/15were signed as correct.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Blue Bag charges – Update from teleconference on 09/07/2015 attended by Dr Mahay will be given at the next LMC meeting. BMA Law has confirmed that in accordance with the contract, GPs should not have contributed to the blue bag charges.

3.2 Saltbrook Place – The LMC remains concerned regarding the provision of primary care services at future developments in the Dudley borough by the housing, care and support organisation Midland Heart who currently run Saltbrook Place.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to write to the council expressing the need for ensuring that the provision for medical services is taken into account when planning future services for groups with complex needs.

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

4.1 CQC Inspector and Intelligent Monitoring – Jennifer Keates, Inspector has agreed to attend the September LMC meeting to update members. The inspectors are supportive of GPs and mindful of issues affecting practices such as partner changes.

Intelligent Monitoring – The CQC will be refreshing Intelligent Monitoring for GP practices with the latest available data over the summer. Prior to this process commencing, CQC will be sharing each individual Intelligent Monitoring with the relevant GP practice.

4.2 LMC Levies – It has been nationally confirmed that levies are covered in the revised PCS Core Services Specification.

4.3 Excluded Patients Scheme – Prior to closure of the Holly Hall out of hours centre the service was provided by Primecare. The current service continues to be provided by Primecare at a Sandwell practice, with three patients in the scheme; however, Primecare have given notice and will cease to provide the service. Commissioning options include offering the service to practices, negotiating with Primecare so that they continue to provide the service or piggybacking on the back of the Sandwell CCG service.

4.4 Indemnity Fees – The increase in fees which in some cases is uneconomical was discussed; the GPC is addressing the issue at national level.

**5.** **CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP / AREA TEAM**

5.1 Co-Commissioning LMC representative – The first open meeting will take place on 17/07/2015, Dr Mittal to attend as GP representative.

5.2 Primary Care Commissioning Committee – The Dudley Enhanced Primary Care Development Programme is progressing well. All five locality groups met in June 2015.

5.3 Clinical Development Committee – The last meeting was held 17 June 2015; NICE guidelines are expected to stipulate the use of spirometry as the first line investigation for asthma. A community based service model has been proposed.

**6. PUBLIC HEALTH**

6.1 Health Visitors and School Health Advisors – These services are to be commissioned by Public Health.

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

7.1 GPC News – See LMC website. Dr Horsburgh to circulate new guidance from GPC.

7.2 New Deal – Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State announced his ‘new deal for GPs’ in which plans have been set out to boost the general practice workforce by 5,000 GPs and increase investment in surgeries and services, in return GPs are asked to work towards offering appointments seven days a week. See LMC website.

7.3 LMC Conference –Report and summary on LMC website.

7.4 Pharmacy Pilot – A new national £15m clinical pharmacist pilot to support GPs with significant workload pressures will be funded for three years and should build on the success of those GP practices already employing pharmacists in patient-facing roles. The pilot schemes will be extended from those surgeries taking part in the Enhanced Primary Care Development Programme to all practices.

7.5 House of Commons – A briefing paper ‘General Practice in England’ has been circulated, providing an update to MPs on issues including commissioning and funding. See LMC website.

7.6 GPC – Locally Dr Ingrams and Dr Kanneganti have been elected to the GPC for the 2015/16 session.

7.7 Meningococcal B and C vaccinations – An enhanced service to deliver meningococcal B vaccination has been agreed, three doses of vaccine will be delivered at 2, 4 and 12 months. A single dose meningococcal C vaccination programme for University Freshers aged 19-25 will run from August 2015 to March 2016.

7.8 Workforce Minimum Data Set – The deadline for the initial data collection was7 June 2015 and practices have now returned the required information.

7.9 PMS review – BMA guidance ‘Focus on PMS reviews and transition to GMS’ can be seen on the LMC website.

7.10 RCGP President – Dr Terry Kemple has been elected as the next President of the RCGP following a national ballot of members.

7.11 BMA Council Chair result – Dr Mark Porter has been re-elected as BMA council chair for a further year.

7.12 Extended Hours DES – The SLA for the extended hours DES which has been sent to practices for signature includes a clause that, in respect of appointments being offered by health care professionals other than GPs, ‘a GP should be onsite throughout the extended hours period.’ This is not supported by the regulations.

7.13 SMS Services- Central funding for the provision of SMS services for practices was withdrawn by the Department of Health in March 2015 with responsibility devolved to CCGs. The GPC recommends that LMCs work with their CCG to ensure appropriate plans are in place for fully funded SMS messaging from 1 October onwards.

7.14 Female Genital Mutilation – The BMAs Ethics department are currently updating the BMA’s FGM guidance (2011) and are awaiting the secondary legislation on mandatory reporting and the FGM statutory guidance consultation. Health Education England has produced an e-learning tool with input from the RCGP. There have been discussions on the list server regarding issues surrounding FGM including patient confidentiality when passing on patient information.

7.15 GP practice annual complaints data – NHS England has written to practices asking them to submit data on written complaints received by the practice from 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015, several practices locally have not returned the requested data.

7.16 Dridex Malware –

**8.** **CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GPC WEST MIDLANDS**

8.1 GPCWM AGM – The AGM was held at BMI on 09/07/2015. In summary three business meeting will be carried out annually in addition to the Nuts and Bolts meeting, the levy will continue and Dr Horsburgh is to become Chairman of the Committee.

8.2 Transgender prescribing – Dr Morley, Birmingham LMC recommends that if a GP is not confident to prescribe the required medication and in the absence of an appropriate spec service they should refer the patient to the local endocrine clinic.

8.3 GP Education – The last meeting took place 06/07/2015.

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

9.1 Pharmacy Applications – NHS England has conditionally approved an application from Dudley Healthcare Ltd for inclusion in the pharmaceutical list at 94A High Street, Dudley, DY1 1QP in respect of a distance selling pharmacy.

9.2 Conference – A conference entitled ‘Compassion its rigour and relevance in today’s world’ is to be held Thursday 1 October – Friday 2 October 2015, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

9.3 Nurse Indemnity – GP practices are expected to provide indemnity cover for nurses. Independent practitioners however, should have their own professional liability cover.

9.4 Primary Care Support services – Approval has been gained from the DH for the business case and it has been confirmed that Capita plc is the preferred bidder.

**10. MISCELLANEOUS**

10.1 Walsall LMC News / S Staffs LMC News / Worcestershire LMC News - received.

**11**. **AOB**

11.1 Dr Ahmad (GPC Black Country rep) gave advanced notice of a meeting to be held on 9 September 2015 concerning federations and super-practices.

Action: Dr Horsburgh to circulate a flyer.

NEXT MEETING: **Friday 4 September 2015**, 12:45pm at Atlantic House, Dudley Rd, Lye, DY9 8EL.

Lunch will be provided.