**DUDLEY LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

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**Minutes 13/09/13**

**PRESENT**: Dr Singh Sahni (Chairman), Dr Horsburgh (Secretary), Dr Bhardwaj, Dr Bramble, Dr Dawes, Dr Khan, Dr Nancarrow, Dr Shather, Dr Collins (Public Health) and Anna Nicholls LAT, Dr Handa GPC Black Country rep, Dr Sullivan Sandwell LMC rep.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies have been received from Dr Mittal (Treasurer), Dr Blackman and Dr Plant.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** –

Apology from Dr Bhardwaj was added to the minutes of the meeting held on the 05/07/13 which were then confirmed and signed as correct.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Hazardous Waste – Steve Harnett, Waste and Transport Manager is in charge of contracts for hazardous waste collections.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to contact Steve Harnett to discuss any ongoing issues.

3.2 Blue Badge appeals – The issue has been raised regarding the payment of reports for medical information requested by Social Services for Blue Badge appeals, but for which Social Services have declined to pay for. This is not part of the core GMS contract and therefore activity should be charged for. The Area Team (AT) is currently responsible for reimbursement.

**Action:** Anna Nicholls to confirm contact for payment and to forward a list of collaborative payments to Dr Horsburgh.

3.3 ECG LES – An uplift of fee to £6.00 has occurred. Dr Banks has agreed to receive cardiology triage referrals without an ECG for those practices experiencing difficulties with the process.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to investigate the processing of claim forms.

3.4 Multi-compartment Compliance Aids – The Royal Pharmaceutical Society has published a report *Improving patient outcomes: The better use of multi-compartment compliance aids.* The report includes guidance and recommendations for health and social care professionals and can be downloaded from www.rpharms.com or the LMC website.

3.5 Social Care feedback – Proposals are being considered to support people in the community to prevent unnecessary admissions into hospital, which will include strengthening links to the Virtual Ward and Primary Care Rapid Response Team thus ensuring patients receive the right support from the right personnel.

3.6 Pensions Forum – A workshop to update practitioners regarding current and forthcoming changes around the NHS Pension Scheme will be arranged for the October LMC meeting; this will be an open meeting, all local GPs are welcome.

3.7 Blue Bag charges and changes - Proposals are to reduce collection of this service to once weekly and to introduce a fee. As the timely transfer of documents is a cost saving to the AT a charge could be counterproductive.

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

4.1 Birmingham Medico-Legal Society – Membership of the BMLS provides the opportunity to meet colleagues socially and hear presentations on relevant topics. See LMC website for details.

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

5.1 WMLETB – Update from Dr Johal at next meeting.

5.2 Interface Group – The inaugural meeting has taken place of this CCG led group whose aim is to improve communication between the AT and CCG and will feedback into the Primary Care Development Committee. Terms of reference were outlined.

5.3 Constitution amendments –Laura Broster has circulated minor adjustments to the organisations constitution, which have subsequently been accepted by the LMC.

5.4 Primary Care Strategy- An implementation plan of future practice development will be put in place. Feedback is to the Primary Care Development Committee.

5.5 Primary Care Web Toolkit and GP Assurance Framework – The Primary Care Web Tool allows users to navigate through data (General Practice Outcomes Standards and General Practice Higher Level Indicators) easily. Practices need to have successfully registered and should be aware of how the AT will utilise the information.

5.6 Care Data – NHS England are planning patient awareness raising activities for care.data. The LMC debated issues surrounding data protection.

**Action:** Dr Handa to investigate whether data protection could be contravened and link to web tool to be available via the LMC website by Dr Horsburgh.

5.7 Health Visitor Allocation – The allocation process of health visitors has still not been resolved, in the short to medium term the patients will be allocated alphabetically.

5.8 NHS 111- The service will be taken over by the West Midlands ambulance service from November 2013.

5.9 Call to Action – NHS England has commenced a national engagement to help shape the future of primary care services in England.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to attend next meeting.

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

6.1 Negotiating News July, August and 8 September received, topics discussed include care.data.

6.2 GPC Newsletter – On LMC website.

6.3 BMA Local – On LMC website.

6.4 A& E support – Plans include GP lead personalised care for older patients, more investment in emergency care departments and a vaccination programme for doctors.

6.5 Sessional Doctors Conference 2013 – To be held Friday 11 October 2013 at BMA House, Tavistock Square, London.

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

7.1 Annual Business Meeting of the West Midlands Regional Council – To be held on 7 October 2013.

7.2 Transforming Pathology Services – The project has been withdrawn in the face of concerted and persistent opposition.

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

8.1 Pharmacy Applications – Sandwell area has received an application from Jimneet Bhui, Dalcum Ltd, Unit 7, Hainge Park, Hainge Road, Oldbury, B69 2 NU for inclusion in the pharmaceutical list.

Sandwell area has also received an application from Inderjeet Singh Grewal, Jacksons Pharma Ltd, 57 High Street, Rowley Regis, B65 for inclusion into the pharmaceutical list in respect of distance selling premises.

Birmingham, Solihull & The Black Country Area Team has received an application from B D Healthcare Ltd t/a Oldbury Pharmacy for a relocation of premises that does not result in significant change to pharmaceutical services provision. The relocation is from 234 Causeway Green Road, Oldbury, B68 8LS to 196 Causeway Green Road.

An application for a change of ownership from J Ojela Jasperceuticals Ltd in respect of HC Pharmacies t/a Old Hill Pharmacy, Priest House, Priest Street, Cradley Heath B64 6JN has been received.

Re: Application for a relocation from 35 Worcester Street, Stourbridge, DY8 1AT to the New Medical Centre, Lowndes Road, Stourbridge, DY8 3SW an oral hearing was held 30 August 2013.

8.2 Primary Care Development Committee – Update from Dr Suleman at next LMC meeting.

8.3 Liverpool Care Pathway – This pathway has been withdrawn.

8.4 MDS tender – Broadway Pharmacy (part of Adam Myers Chain) has been successful in retaining the service for a period of two years.

8.5 The Calculating Quality Reporting Service (CQRS), together with the General Practice Extracting Service is replacing the Quality Management and Analysis System (QMAS), the system previously used to calculate payments to GPs under the Quality and Outcomes Framework.

**9.** **MISCELLANEOUS**

9.1 MTRAC – Linaclotide (Constella) is recommended for the treatment of irritable bowel syndrome with constipation in the limited number of patients in whom all other treatment options have been ineffective or contraindicated.

Ingenol mebutate gel (Picato) is suitable for prescribing in primary care where there is a confident diagnosis of actinic keratosis.

9.2 Walsall LMC News received.

9.3 South Staffordshire Newsletter received.

9.4 Worcestershire LMC Newsletter received.

**10. AOB**

10.1 Medical records – issues were raised regarding NHS England requesting paper copies, rather than accepting records on disc.

**Action:** Issuesto be discussed with Marion Hall.

NEXT MEETING: Friday 4 October 2013, 12:45pm at Atlantic House, Dudley Rd, Lye, DY9 8EL.

Lunch will be provided.