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**Minutes 06/10/17**

**PRESENT**: Dr Singh Sahni (Chairman), Dr Horsburgh (Secretary), Dr Mittal (Treasurer), Dr Kanhaiya, Dr Prashara, Dr Ahmad (GPC Black Country rep), Dr Abuaffan (Public Health), Jacqui Jones (Practice Manager rep), Jo Taylor (CCG).

**1. APOLOGIES**: Dr Dawes, Dr Nancarrow, Dr Plant.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 01/09/17were signed as correct.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Primary Care Development Steering Group (PCDSG) / MCP Developments – LMC representation has now been written into the draft Terms of Reference and this will be discussed at locality meetings, Gillian Goodlad (CSU) will be updating members. Issues discussed included the Integration Agreement, sharing the long-term conditions framework with the MCP, how the partners in the MCP will support the delivery of service and the challenges ahead. GPs have expressed their opinion that community services will need to be responsive and structured and be supportive of primary care services, as evidence suggests that a community facing model of care is the most effective. GPs continue to have many questions regarding the model of care, some of which cannot currently be answered as agreements with partners have not yet been finalised.

The process by which practices become fully integrated into the MCP is complicated and practice examples are being worked up by the IA group. Practices which decide not to participate in the MCP model may experience difficulty maintaining the same level of service for their patients – the LMC would challenge any 2-tier service.

Progress so far on the IA will be presented at the next GP Members meeting – 17th October 2017.

3.2 NHS Property Service, Lease Issues – The Ridgeway Surgery submitted an application for the sale and lease back of their current premises, the CCG declined to support the application, a decision with which the LMC disagrees. Amy Bolton (BMA) is currently liaising with NHSE on the issue and Ridgeway Surgery is considering pursuing a legal challenge.

**Action -** Dr Horsburgh to contact BMA re - progress

3.3 Peer Review – NHSE has made it clear that it is not expecting clinical peer review to apply to all practices or referrals, nor will these be mandatory for all CCGs. The GPC has previously offered to work with the NHSE to identify a more supportive, evidence based and patient-centred approach to the issue of variation in referral patterns.

3.4 Minor Surgery – The disparity in levels of payment across the local region was discussed. Wolverhampton and Sandwell clinicians are paid as per the Direct Enhanced Service agreement, in Walsall most practices are also reimbursed at this level, however three practices operate under the Any Qualified Provider scheme and these practices have been able to charge inflated prices for the services provided; however these special arrangements are due to be decommissioned.

The issue of the amount of work involved when patients from another practice are referred to a specialist GP for minor surgery and community vasectomy, which includes in-depth clinical assessment and discharge letters and therefore requires additional funding was discussed.

**Action –** Jo Taylor will discuss the difference in tariff payment for vasectomy between primary and secondary care with Mark Curran – lead commissioner for the CCG.

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

4.1 Follow up post Metal-on-Metal Hip Replacements – The issue has been raised that Ramsay Healthcare are advising patients to see their GP for follow up following hip replacements without advising what this review should include. The LMC felt that it was appropriate for the operating surgeon to undertake this review.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to feedback.

4.2 HPV vaccination – Boots Pharmacies are to offer HPV vaccination to all men and women aged 12-44 on a private basis. This differs to the NHS service which offers vaccination to females aged 12-14 years, as there is little evidence to suggest the vaccine is effective in older patients.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to write to the LPC to investigate the clinical evidence to support this vaccination programme.

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

5.1 The Primary Care Commissioning Committee – The last meeting was held on 29 September 2017 - issues discussed included High Oak premises development.

5.2 Clinical Development Committee – The last meeting was on 20 September 2017- issues discussed included the

approval of a business case for the development of a Community Ophthalmology Service and a proposal for a musculoskeletal triage service.

5.3 Sustainability and Transformation Plans – Dr Horsburgh attended the meeting on 18 September 2017, where feedback was provided from work streams, progress is slowly moving forward.

**6. PUBLIC HEALTH**

6.1. Update – Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board have published a strategy for 2017-2022 entitled Longer, Safer, Healthier Lives for all. The strategy sets out its vision, acknowledges the challenges and establishes priorities.

Issues regarding repeat prescribing and follow up within the contraceptive services were highlighted.

**Action:** Dr Abuaffan to investigate and update Dr Horsburgh.

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

7.1 GPC News – Topics discussed included GP earning and expenses. See LMC website.

7.2 LMC Conference - The Conference of England LMCs is to be held on Friday 10 November 2017, Dr Horsburgh and Dr Singh Sahni are to attend.

7.3 GPFV – Dr Chandra Kanneganti has circulated a letter regarding accessing GPFV funding and support, see LMC website.

7.4 Winter Indemnity – NHSE has agreed to re-run the GP Winter Indemnity Scheme to support out of hours and unscheduled care providers secure additional capacity this winter.

7.5 GPDF Reps – The GPDF recently appointed 3 LMC self-nominees, Paul Roblin was appointed for the England Constituency.

7.6 GMS1 Form – This form has been revised and is currently more complicated and contains a number of faults which need rectifying. GPC is feeding back on these issues.

7.7 GP Workforce Conference – Supporting general practices to develop the primary care workforce and reduce workload. This conference will be held in London on 24 November 2017, please contact Dr Horsburgh for further information.

**8.** **CORRESPONDENCE FROM WM LMCLG / BMA - WMRC**

8.1 BMA – The next WMRC AGM meeting to be held on 12/10/2017 in Birmingham, Dr Horsburgh to attend.

8.2 WMLMCLG – AGM - Regional Levy – Dr Ahmad ( Reg Sec ) attended the recent meeting, Hereford and Worcester have dropped out of the regional group and Birmingham expressed concerns regarding the payment. However, a solution has been found for the forth coming year. The regional levy will remain at last year’s level and sponsorship will be sought for the regional events. Dr Horsburgh was re – elected as Regional Chair by the committee.

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

9.1 Pharmacy Applications – Nil.

9.2 PCSE – There has been a roll out of the new collection system of notes from Capita. Dr Ahmad to email details of the NHSE regional contact to Dr Horsburgh for circulation.

9.3 Leadership Training – Primary Care Triumvirate Leadership and Change Agent Programme 2017-18. Please contact Dr Horsburgh for details.

9.4 GP Survey – NHSE are running a survey on waiting times for GPs, concerns have been expressed regarding the potentially misleading or poor quality data that this survey may produce.

**10. MISCELLANEOUS**

10.1 Walsall Newsletter- received.

**11. AOB**

11.1 Dudley Outcomes for Health Framework – LTC ( Jo Taylor )– This is to be reviewed in the light of any QOF

changes in the national GMS contract and all current indicator target levels will be considered. In the interim

practices are to be able to access a financial statement and projection for the end of the financial year. Assistance

will be provided to low achieving practices to identify blocks in the system such as call and re-call systems and

missing codes.

NEXT MEETING**: Friday 3 November 2017, 12:45pm at Brierley Hill Health and Social Care Centre, Orange Room, CCG offices, (second floor).**

Lunch will be provided.