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**Minutes 02/11/12**

**PRESENT**: Dr Singh Sahni (Chairman), Dr T. Horsburgh (Secretary), Dr Mittal (Treasurer), Dr Bhardwaj, Dr Blackman, Dr Dawes, Dr Johal, Dr Khan, Dr Prashara, Dr Saroufeem, Dr Shather, Dr Suleman and Dr Collins (Public Health).

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies have been received from Dr Plant and Mrs Jones (Practice Manager rep).

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the meeting held on the

05/10/12 were confirmed and signed as correct.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Health Visitor vaccinations – Currently three Dudley practices have historically as part of their contracts had Health Visitors attend the surgery to carry out the childhood immunisation programme, whereas other practices employ practice nurses to carry out vaccinations. The CCG is drafting a paper to discuss at board level.

Dr Horsburgh and Linda Cropper are currently in the process of visiting localities updating practitioners with the changes in the Health Visiting services, the previous 19 teams are to be amalgamated into 5 based on localities. This should result in core management improvement, but continue to be sensitive to local needs.

The opportunistic pertussis vaccination of pregnant women by midwives was discussed. It was acknowledged that midwives may not see this as part of their role particularly as GPs are paid for this item of service. However, if midwives at a practice identify at risk patients, the practice nurse could administer the vaccination. The LMC supported the proposal of outreach midwives opportunistically vaccinating difficult to reach patients who may not otherwise engage with primary care services.

A**ction:** Dr Horsburgh to discuss with CCG and PH.

3.2 Responsible Officer – Nick Hall has taken over as RO, an invitation has been extended to attend a LMC meeting to forge a working relationship. However, as Dr Hall is currently settling into the role he has been unable to commit to attending, however he will be invited again at a later date. The LMC wishes to establish a good working relationship with the RO as the LMC is keen to be involved with the decision making process pertaining to any GP who may not be revalidated or is having problems.

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

4.1 Christmas Opening – Sonia Clarke has circulated to practices information that the GMS Contract does not state one way or the other for practices to close on a half day (in this case Christmas Eve). Bal Dhami suggests that it is a matter for the individual practice to take account of how patients can access essential services when planning its closure.

4.2 Research – The National Institute for Health Research has written to GPs encouraging their support in a new development in clinical research. The Clinical Practice Research Datalink system will link anonymised healthcare and demographic data to provide a national resource.

4.3 Children’s and Adolescent mental health services. The issue of the impact on these services within the borough from the proposed reduction to the budget of Dudley MBC was raised. Whilst it was acknowledged that Dudley MBC has difficult funding decisions to make, the reduction in funding for CAMHS will impact on the service of early intervention and prevention. Dr Mahfouz is to raise the issue of adult ADHD funding with the CCG.

4.4 Managed repeat prescribing systems – Guidance documents have been drafted which will be taken to the prescribing sub-committee on 13 November.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to feedback at next meeting.

4.5 Possible reduced Typhoid vaccination – Sanofi Pasteur MSD have withdrawn some batches of their vaccine due to possible under filling of the vials resulting in potential reduced potency. Patients with significant future risk of acquiring typhoid due to extended travel may wish to discuss the issue with their GP.

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

5.1 Draft Dudley Dementia strategy is currently well developed and will go out for a 3 month consultation.

Docman – Secondary Care letters are loaded automatically into the patient’s records and a working copy available for the GP to action any management issues.

Enhanced Services LES which transfer to the Local Authority will be funded for resident population rather registered. Concern has been expressed that there is potentially a significant financial risk for practices and possible changes to the GMS contract. The matter has been raised with DMBC and Public Health.

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

6.1 Negotiating News for 7, 13and 28 October received, topics discussed included the registration of overseas visitors and the Seasonal GPs Conference.

6.2 GPC News – Items discussed included the LMC secretaries’ conference, Primary care incentive schemes and pertussis vaccination programme for pregnant women.

See LMC website.

6.3 GMS and PMS contracts – The government is to disregard five months of negotiations and is threatening to impose significant changes to practice contracts from next year.GMS and PMS will be funded identically and upper thresholds for QOF indicators potentially will be increased.

The LMC debated these changes and potential implications to practice.

6.4 BMA WMRC meeting – This was held on 24 October 2012 with guest speaker Sir Neil McKay, Chief Executive of NHS Midlands and East. Discussions included: Clinical Senates, Health and Wellbeing Boards and development of Clinical Networks and Academic Networks.

6.5 Locum handbook – The *BMA GP Locum Handbook: the essential guide for freelance GPs* has been published. The handbook provides advice on setting up as a locum, starting a business and establishing a contract for services with a provider. See LMC website.

6.6 RCGP Certificate in Practitioner Health (CPH Part 1) – A day course to develop skills and improve confidence in caring for doctor patients, to be held in Birmingham on 7 March 2013.

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

7.1 Nuts and Bolts – Meeting to be held Thursday 8 November, programme to be announced. Funding is available for four to attend including payment for locum cover.

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

8.1 Pharmacy Applications – Application from Murrays Healthcare for a minor relocation from 50/51 High Street, Stourbridge to 1 Bradley Road, Stourbridge DY8 1UZ. An Oral Hearing was held on Wednesday 31 October.

8.2 Alfentanil – The Prescribing and Medicines Management Team has revised the advice regarding the use of this opioid analgesic used in syringe drivers in palliative care.

8.3 GMS and PMS contracts – Letter from Dame Barbara Hakin , National Managing Director of Commissioning Development now on LMC website.

8.4 HPV Vaccination – A reminder has been circulated that eligible girls in Dudley are vaccinated via the School Health Nursing Team and that GP Practices are not funded to provide this service.

**9.** **MISCELLANEOUS**

9.1 Walsall LMC News for September 2012 received

9.2 MTRAC – Flutiform (fluticasone/formoterol) combination inhaler was found to be of similar efficacy to a fluticasone/salmeterol inhaler in a 12 week trial. Therefore, Flutiform has been considered a suitable product to commission in primary care.

 Rivaroxaban for the treatment and prevention of DVT has been considered suitable for restricted prescribing under defined conditions, which is following advice from a specialist, practitioner with a special interest in anticoagulation or primary care thromboembolic service.

**10. AOB**

10.1Toolkit for revalidation – The RCGP toolkit has been recommended for the purpose of revalidation by the PCT Cluster. However, this may not offer the same value for money as other toolkits. Dr Suleman raised the issue the high cost of RCGP toolkit for part year needs – there is no part year discount available. Although currently it is free to RCGP members, it may not be free in the future. Dr Blackman confirmed although an electronic version should be used that there is nothing in the contract stating which system should be used. The LMC supports the freedom of GPs to choose their toolkit.

10.2 Dr Saroufeem to contact Dr Jas Rathore regarding development of her practice premises and progress on premises development funding by the NCB/CCG.

NEXT MEETING: Friday 7 December 2012, 12:45pm at Atlantic House, Dudley Rd, Lye, DY9 8EL.

Lunch will be provided.