**DUDLEY LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

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 **Minutes 7/11/14**

**PRESENT**: Dr Singh Sahni (Chairman), Dr Horsburgh (Secretary), Dr Bhardwaj, Dr Dawes, Dr Khan, Dr Kanhaiya, Dr Nancarrow, Dr Prashara, Dr Abuaffan (Public Health), Dr Ahmad (GPC Black Country Rep), Anna Nicholls (AT), Rick Salmon(AT ), Dan King (CCG).

**1. APOLOGIES**

 Dr Mittal

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 03/10/14were corrected re item 3.2 and then signed as correct.

**PRESENTATION**

**PMS Review – Anna Nicholls and Rick Salmon – Area Team**

The Area Team are required to review local PMS agreements by March 2016. Information will be sent to practices the week beginning 17 November 2014, including a letter outlining options and process, a return to GMS request template and financial query template – slide presentation on LMC website.

An open meeting together with advice sessions for Dudley are to be held on 26th Nov 2014. The new contracts must begin on April 2015.

**New GP Contract – Dr Ahmad – GPC Rep**

By March 2016 all practices will need to include on their website reference to the fact that all patients have been allocated a named, accountable GP. Other key points include the extension of the Avoiding Unplanned Admissions. Reporting will be bi annual, and there will be three rather than five payments. All patients to have online access to all information on their medical records that is in coded form no access to free text areas. The number of appointments available for online booking is to be increased. Dr Ahmad also outlined key QOF changes and changes to maternity and paternity funding. See LMC website.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Pharmacy flu vaccination pilot – The pilot scheme commenced one month ago. Areas of concern are the funding of the required administration time at practices and issues surrounding re-ordering of vaccinations for GP practices.

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

4.1 Christmas Opening –Guidance for GP services for the Christmas and New Year period is available on the LMC website.

4.2 Care Home Flu vaccination – A care home has asked a practice nurse to undertake a mental capacity assessment on patients prior to flu vaccination administration as acting in ‘their best interest’ may not be an acceptable decision for administration. GPs need to be aware of patient capacity to consent issues.

4.3 Deprivation of Liberty Standards (DOLS) in care homes – A recent Supreme Court judgement has caused confusion regarding DOLS, care homes and reporting deaths to the coroner. National clarification is expected in the near future.

4.4 Ebola – The latest information on the assessment for suspected Ebola virus cases in Primary Care can be found on line. Public Health has suggested that practices should review their stock of Personal Protective Equipment.

4.5 NHS Five Year Forward View – The report appears to herald a step forward for general practice. The ‘Your GP Cares’ campaign aims to attract, retain and expand the number of GPs, expand the number of practice staff and improve GP premises. The report does not address the funding crisis in general practice and the recruitment instability many practices face. The GPC are trying to address these issues with the Government.

4.6 Non GP Appraisers – The West Midlands LMCs have made it clear to NHS England Medical Director that they do not support GP appraisal being carried out by non GP appraisers.

4.7 Maternity Pay for Trainees – Each new post on a rotation that a GP Trainee undertakes does not constitute a break in service; there has not been a change in policy from NHS England’s National Support Centre.

4.8‘Let’s Talk Drink’- Surgeries are being asked to display promotional material to promote awareness of the campaign and to increase the number of brief interventions.

4.9 Additional payments during sickness – Dan King is to arrange for the NHSE policy is to be circulated to practice managers as practices do not seem to be aware of the policy.

4.10 Premises charges – a meeting to review these issues will be held soon and reassurance was given by Rick Salmon (AT) that the overcharging issues will be resolved.

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

5.1 Co-commissioning – Co-commissioning Task and Finish Group are having regular meetings with LMC involvement to take delegated full commissioning forward. Key areas being addressed include TOR, governance and conflict of interest resolution. The LMC is reassured that individual practitioner performance and revalidation will remain with NHS England who will manage the performers list. The group will present a progress report to all GP members of the CCG in December.

5.2 WM LETB – No recent meetings have taken place.

5.3 Interface Group – No recent meeting.

5.4 *Members News* – This is circulated weekly to local GPs –members are receiving this in practices.

5.5 Primary Care Development Committee (16/10/2014) – The last meeting was held on 16 October 2014. Issues discussed included the financial implications to the practices which potentially may be affected by the result of MPIG adjustments and the Primary Care Quality Reporting Tool. The Extended Hours Plus service specification was also discussed.

5.6 Clinical Development Committee (22/10/2014) – Topics debated include the possible 6 month pilot project for a community chronic back pain clinic and the continued funding of the post of Clinical Lead for End of Life and Palliative Care.

5.7 Complaints – Dr R Johnson raised the issue of the CCG complaints protocol - discussed by members and criteria noted. The LMC will raise any concerns with the CCG.

5.8 Dementia – Some practices have patients diagnosed but not added to their QOF register and therefore could be entitled to the payments attached to this work. Dementia rates given to practices by NHS England need reviewing as some of the figures are clearly wrong ( incidence of 0% in one practice ) The MOCOR toolkit can be used for assessment.

5.9 Extended Hours Plus – scheme considered by the PCDC – information awaited.

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

6.1 GPC Newsletters – See LMC website, issues raised include Avoiding Unplanned Admissions and Calculating Quality Reporting Service.

6.2 BMA West Midlands Regional Council – The Annual Business meeting of the West Midlands Regional Council was held on 23 October 2014 at the Birmingham Medical Institute. Dr Andrew Dearden –BMA Treasurer spoke on structural changes at the BMA to enhance membership engagement and the general state of the NHS and General Practice.

6.3 Black Country LMC – no recent meeting.

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

7.1 GPCWM – A Nuts and Bolts meeting was held on 19 November – discussions included Hot Topics for LMCs , Dr Brian Balmer ( GPC ) on the Crisis in General Practice and Dr Martin Wilkinson ( Health Education England ) on Retaining and Returning GPs. Dr Caron Morton ( AO Shropshire County CCG ) discussed relationships between CCGs and LMCs.

**8.** **CORRESPONDENCE** **FROM THE PCT, HOSPITAL TRUSTS, DH, GMC, PUBLIC HEALTH & DMBC**

8.1 Pharmacy Applications – none received.

8.2 Shared Care Protocols – LMC now consulted on all proposed Shared Care protocols.

 Antiplatelet guidelines – The anti-coagulation steering group has recently reviewed and updated the antiplatelet guidelines which now require consultation across the health economy.

 – Dr Horsburgh has given feedback on proposed Antiplatelet protocols from the LMC.

**9.** **MISCELLANEOUS**

9.1 MTRAC – No update.

9.2 Walsall LMC News / S Staffs LMC News / Worc. LMC News - received.

**10. AOB**

10.1 Occupational Health presentation – The Occupational Health Specialist Nurse Manager has requested an opportunity to make a presentation to the LMC – Dr Horsburgh to contact and find out further information.

10.2 Patient Online – Dr Damian Williams is to present to the December LMC meeting.

NEXT MEETING: **Meeting 5th Dec – Cancelled due to illness**

Friday 9th Jan 2015, 12:45pm at Atlantic House, Dudley Rd, Lye, DY9 8EL.

Lunch will be provided.