**DUDLEY LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

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**Minutes 06/01/12**

**PRESENT**: Dr Singh Sahni (Chairman), Dr T. Horsburgh (Secretary), Dr Mittal (Treasurer), Dr Blackman, Dr Bhardwaj, Dr Dawes, Dr Nancarrow, Dr Shather, Dr Suleman, Dr Cartwright, Ms Shanahan (PCT), Ms Jacqui Jones, (Practice Manager Rep)

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies have been received from Dr Saroufeem and Dr Mahfouz.

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the meeting held on the 02/12/11 were confirmed and signed as correct.

**PRESENTATION** – Rob Bacon and Kimara Sharpe PCT Cluster Board.

**Development of Commissioning Support Services (CSS) in the Black Country - Kimara Sharpe**.

CSS is a full range of Commissioning Support to CCGs. The CCGs will be the main driver directing the development of the CSS; the CCGs need to determine what they will do themselves and what and how they will buy in or share other services. Economies of scale to do some functions on a larger footprint than they are currently being done such as HR advice. There are national examples of cross cluster boundary working. Nationally work is being undertaken on some functions for example finance with the development of a financial spine.

The issue was raised by a LMC member as to how much of the £25 per head for management would be used centrally versus locally; detailed costings are still to be developed.

The question was asked regarding the treatment of private patients within NHS Trusts which is an income generating practice. Reassurance was given that private work would not have a detrimental effect on NHS patients, as all providers have statutory responsibly under the contract from commissioners

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The issue concerning who will be instrumental in deciding what services will be available to the patients and the fear that CCGs could be dominated by larger organisation was raised. Reassurance was given that there will be a shift from managerial decision making to clinical.

**The System Plan Content – Rob Bacon.**

The vision is to improve the health of the population, reducing health inequalities, whilst improving quality and increasing value for money.

For further information please see presentation slides on LMC website.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

**3.1** Criteria forSerious Untoward Incident referral to PCT – Criteria for escalation to PTC remains rather vague. See LMC website for further details.

**3.2** Public Health representative on LMC – Val Little will be appointing a representative to attend the February meeting.

**3.3** Health Checks – Patients who fail to attend their patient health check in primary care despite two written invitations may have this check carried out by a local pharmacist .However, data has to be transferred by the pharmacist to primary care for the data to be put onto the system, which has a cost implication to the practice.

**Action:** Jacqui Jones to feedback at next LMC meeting from next Practice Managers meeting regarding cost to practice / loss of earnings.

**3.4** Ombudsman – See minutes from December 2011 for background. The GP has responsibility to see the patient within the contractual hours; the patient could be signposted to a Walking Centre as one option of a selection of choices of health care.

**Action:** LMC to advise colleagues to promptly inform the LMC if they receive an Ombudsman complaint so that discussions with the PCT can occur at an early stage. Mandy Shanahan to produce an advice sheet for the correct procedure for the potential removal of a patient from a practice list.

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

**4.1** Local Ophthalmic Committee recognition – Paul Sidhu from Dudley LOC contacted the LMC concerning the issue of NHS Dudley threatening to unrecognised Dudley LOC due to a perceived departure from the constitution. The LMC felt that the constitution is a matter for the committee not the PCT.

**5. CONSORTIUM EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**5.1**GP Brief – Issues raised include the missing millions pilot scheme to identify patients with COPD.

**5.2** Practice Agreement – There is currently no obligation to sign practice agreements with the CCG, this is currently only seen as a statement of intent. The concern was raised as how individual practitioners or practices may influence decisions made at board level and whether a conflict of interest could occur for board members who are also GPs. The LMC will be important in representing the concerns of local GPs.

**5.3** Election to CCG Board and Executive – Deadline for ballot papers to be received back is 06/01/12.

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

**6.1** Negotiating News for 4th 11th and 24th December received, these included feedback from the LMC Secretaries Conference. Please see LMC website for further information on the conference.

**6.2** GPC News – Topics included cervical cytology training, changes to the RCGP curriculum and pensions. Please see LMC website for details.

**6.3** NHS Pension – Pensions offer update December 2011 included career average re-valued earnings with an accrual rate of 1/ 54 of salary and revaluation of pensionable earnings by CPI + 1.5%. Doctors will have received BMA survey. A National road show will be taking part on 09/01/2012 for details please see Dr Horsburgh.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GPC WEST MIDLANDS / BCLMC Group 7.1** BMA Award – Dr Fay Wilson has been proposed by Dudley LMC for a fellowship award of the BMA.

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

**8.1** Pharmacy applications – Sandwell PCT has received an application for preliminary consent for inclusion in the pharmaceutical list from Mr R S Ghateaura t/a Pharmaunison at 70-80 Dudley Road West, Tipton.

An application has been received from M I Pharm Ltd requesting full consent to open a pharmacy trading for 100 hours per week at 78 Long Lane, Halesowen, B62 9DJ.

Dudley PCT has received an application for inclusion in the pharmaceutical List for Touch Pharmacy, a wholly mail order or internet-based pharmacy services at First Floor-Unit 2, Josiah House, Castle Street, Coseley WV14 9DD.

**8.2** PEC – The pharmacy influenza pilot has reported very high patient satisfaction levels. A number of patients received influenza vaccination that otherwise might not have been vaccination. A report will be sent to the PEC who may make the decision to extend the pilot scheme. However, within this time frame the Cluster is likely to have taken over from the PEC. There has been GP opposition to the programme; different models may be discussed prior to the next flu vaccination programme. As previously debated two local practices were not allowed to participate in the 2011/12 vaccination programme, this situation needs review.

The LMC representative on the PEC along with a number of PEC members does not have voting rights, only those without a vested interest may vote which can mean that the financial committee has to make decisions, therefore the decision making of the PEC can be limited.

Review of Basket of Services and Miscellaneous LES – The following has been proposed effective from 01/01/12: to amalgamate the two LES into a single uniform LES providing the same range of services and to reconcile payment by offering £0.26p per patient to participating practices. Practices will have to provide evidence that the service is being delivered.

**8.3** Wheelchair Access – Dudley Group Foundation Trust’s Wheelchair Service has changed the eligibility criteria to include patients with more complex needs. However, this will mean that those with the most need are no longer eligible.

**8.4**CQC – No changes to report.

**8.5** Revalidation – Current advice is not to purchase support tools, as the parameters’ of revalidation are not yet fixed. The implications of using one appraisal tool kit locally are being investigated.

**9. MISCELLANEOUS**

**9.1** Walsall LMC Newsletter received.

**10. AOB**

**10.1** Renewal of liability insurance for the LMC for twelve months has been carried out.

**NEXT MEETING: Friday 3rd February 2012, 12:45pm at Atlantic House, Dudley Rd, Lye, DY9 8EL.**

Lunch will be provided.