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**Minutes 01/02/13**

**PRESENT**: Dr Singh Sahni (Chairman), Dr T. Horsburgh (Secretary), Dr Mittal (Treasurer), Dr Blackman, Dr Bhardwaj, Dr Dawes, Dr Khan, Dr Johal, Dr Kanhaiya, Dr Suleman, Dr Saroufeem, Dr Prashara, Dr Shather, A. Nicholls (LAT Rep), Dr Collins (Public Health) Mrs Jones (Practice Manager Rep) and Dr Bramble.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies have been received from) Dr Handa GPC Black Country Rep, Dr Nancarrow and Dr Plant.

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

04/01/13 were confirmed and signed as correct.

**PRESENTATION –** The NHS 111 Service. Avril Smith, Pamela Bradbury, Derek Hunter, Jagdeesh Dhaliwal.

The decision to implement NHS 111 nationally has been a government proposal; locally NHS Direct was the successful bidder to provide the service. There will be a ‘soft’ launch 12/02/13 when NHS 111 will be operational and will take calls during this time period. The service will be launched to patients on 12/03/13; there will be an accompanying detailed marketing campaign to inform the general public about the service.

The IT has been designed with in-put from primary care clinicians and is designed to reassure patients rather than raise anxiety and expectations. Policies have been put in place to manage patients who call on three occasions in four days or are frequent callers; NHS 111 staff also have access to any ‘special notes.’

The service will be audited and monthly reports generated.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Responsible Officer – Dr Steve Cartwright the RO overseeing Birmingham and Dr Nick Hall who covers Dudley have been invited to attend a LMC meeting to facilitate a working partnership.

3.2 Safeguarding – Andrew Hindle has confirmed that money to provide statutory training including safeguarding is protected; this includes money for locum staff.

3.3 Oral Glucose Tolerance Test (OGTT) – An OGGT performed in hospital costs £400 whereas an offer of £25 for those done in primary care has been made, which does not cover the cost of performing the test. This matter will be discussed by the CCG.

3.4 Dudley Enhanced Services – Public Health LES contracts will be transferred as part of the national transfer scheme to the Local Authority (LA) and will be rolled over until 31/03/14, however, these will be LA contracts not LES contracts. Practices on boundary areas may have issues with some LES which may or may not exist in a certain boundary area. An information letter will be circulated mid February.

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

4.1 Closure of Kate’s Hill EAPC Practice Dudley – This practice was established as a result of the Dazi report and has provided an excellent service to the local population. However, the list size at the practice has failed the high contracted levels, resulting in financial difficulties for the provider. The providers have submitted a resignation of contract to end 31/03/13, three local practices have the capacity to increase their own list sizes.

Dr Bramble (GP Kate’s Hill surgery) has raised concerns regarding the safety issue of 1, 500 patients who need to register with another practice and disappointment that both patients and staff have only recently been informed of these issues.

Dr Blackman proposed that the LMC support Dr Bramble to maintain the excellent patient service.

**Action:** LMC to write to Howard Finegan (Primary Care Project Manager) and the CCG with a formal proposal that the practice continues as a GMS/PMS contract.

4.2 Hearing Aid Services – The issue was debated regarding the provision of hearing aid services. Although patients may go to providers such as Specsavers who have am active marketing campaign, the initial assessment is in primary care with no funding for the nurse or doctor time.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to feedback concerns to Neill Bucktin (Dudley PCT).

4.3 Withdrawal of the emergency asthma inhaler protocol in schools – Respiratory LIT to send information letter to GPs.

4.4 Commissioning of additional capacity to reduce waiting times – Plain film imaging, barium studies and routine ultrasound have been commissioned from Ramsey West Midlands Hospital until 21/0313.

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

5.1 Practice Development Plans – The LMC support the Primary Care Foundation in analysing practices to enable each practice to plan for the future, as long as information remains the property of each individual practice. A short term LES will pay £260 per 2, 000 patients. Concerns were raised regarding remuneration for workload created.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to discuss issues with Dr Jas Rathore.

5.2 Older Adults Psychiatric service – Concerns have been expressed by CCG members and formally raised with Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Trust.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to investigate what the concerns are and how they are being addressed.

5.3 QMAS – See LMC website.

5.4 WMLETB – Dr Johal attended the leadership forum meeting. GP training was considered a priority due to commissioning and provision of service commitments. A concern raised was that some groups may have already looked at leadership training and repeating training would not be of value.

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

6.1 Negotiating News for 13th and 26th January received, topics discussed included the LMC GP contract roadshows and GP contract imposition.

6.2 GP contract – The increase in upper thresholds for 20 QOF indicators were debated the concern was put forward that some targets levels could potentially be dangerous. The potential reduction in income that the new thresholds could lead to was also debated.

6.3 GPC Newsletter – Items discussed included Public Service Pensions Bill, see LMC website.

6.4 BMA Local - No further bulletin received.

6.5 NHS pensions – No update.

6.6 Royal College of General Practitioners Annual Research and Innovation Symposium – Will take place 27/06/13 at the Centre for Professional Development.

6.7 General Practitioners Defence Fund – The levy for 2013 will be reduced by 3% to 5.6p per patient.

6.8 RCGP workshop – One day conference in Healthcare, 25th April 2013, to take place at University of Warwick.

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

7.1 West Midlands GPC Negotiators Roadshow – Took place Wednesday 30th January 2013, content information circulated to LMC members.

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

8.1 Pharmacy Applications – For inclusion in the pharmaceutical List at the site of the Former HVC Supplies Ltd, Bradley Road, Stourbridge, DY8 1UZ.

8.2 Primary Care Development Committee – Meeting 14th February, update at March LMC meeting.

**9.** **MISCELLANEOUS**

9.1 MTRAC – No update.

9.2 Walsall LMC News received.

9.3 South Staffordshire Newsletter received.

**10. AOB**

10.1 Blue badge scheme – The remuneration for the work involved for a medical report confirming diagnosis was debated. The LMC support an effective structure for this work.

NEXT MEETING: Friday 1 March 2013, 12:45pm at Atlantic House, Dudley Rd, Lye, DY9 8EL.

Lunch will be provided.