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c/o Dudley CCG

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**Minutes 06/02/15**

**PRESENT**: Dr Singh Sahni (Chairman), Dr Horsburgh (Secretary), Dr Mittal (Treasurer), Dr Bhardwaj, Dr Dawes, Dr Kanhaiya, Dr Nancarrow, Dr Pitches (Public Health), Jacquelyn Horwood (Practice Manager).

**1. APOLOGIES**: Dr Plant, Dr Prashara, Dr Ahmad (GPC Black Country rep), Dr Abuaffan (Public Health).

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 09/01/15were signed as correct.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 PMS Review- Local practices with PMS contracts are to revert to GMS contracts, at this point a rent review may be requested and this could have financial consequences impacting on the financial savings of £1.8 million ring fenced for the borough to utilise for primary care services. Dr Horsburgh and Dan King are to develop a strategy to best reinvest the PMS premium monies for the benefit of local services. Any ideas that members have to achieve this should be forwarded to Dr Horsburgh.

3.2 Urgent Care Centre – No further feedback.

3.3 CQC Inspection – The guides for preparation for CQC inspections from the RCGP seems constructive in assisting practices to prepare for inspection, putting together a 15-20 minute presentation about the practice seems particularly helpful. Amanda Reynolds will attend the March LMC meeting to provide feedback on the CQC inspections.

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

4.1 PPG DES Appeals Panel Meeting – Practices which were required to only make minor changes have tended to have receive the full reimbursement.

4.2 Prescribing of Memantine – Lower Gornal Medical Practice has recently received a request from a consultant at Bushy Fields Hospital to take over the prescribing of Memantine for the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease. However, as the practice was uncertain as to whether a shared care protocol is in place, they have currently requested that the drug continues to be prescribed in secondary Psychiatric services.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to establish with Claire Huckaby whether a shared care protocol for Memantine has been agreed.

4.3 LMC phone line – The new contact number for the LMC is 07960130244.

4.4 LMC Levy Payments – The LMC had not received payment form NHS England for two quarters, Martin Pardoe has now resolved the issue.

4.5 Electronic Prescription Service R2 – Paresh Patel a local pharmacist has invited a LMC member to join the steering group to manage the implementation of EPSR2 in the Dudley CCG region. If any LMC member would like to volunteer please contact Dr Horsburgh.

4.6 Blue bag charges – The view of the GPC seems to be that NHSE will be responsible will be responsible for sending out records to practices, however, primary care would be responsible for the return. Dr Mahay is to meet with the AT to discuss the issues.

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

5.1 WM LETB – Dr Horsburgh and Dan King have met with Karen Story, Lead Nurse for Education. Topics discussed include nurse revalidation, however information is currently limited. A structured career pathway supported by ANPs for nurses working in the community was discussed.

A bid for 50 HCAs for primary care in Dudley has been submitted.

5.2 Interface Group – The recent meeting issues debated included PMS practices and their transition back to GMS contracts. The AT is to discuss how to support the practices involved.

5.3 Co-Commissioning – National approval has not yet been formalised. The CCG and AT need to formalise funding to ensure that the process can move forward.

5.4 Primary Care Development Committee (16/01/2015) –Issues discussed included the role out of Productive General Practice (PGP) a service improvement toolkit enabling practices to identify ways of improving their working practices. The need to back fill GP time and potential cost implications were debated.

5.5 Clinical Development Committee (21/01/2015) – Topics debated include changes to the current referral process for certain diagnostic tests for the Orthopaedic Assessment Service, the Rapid Response Team and paediatric triage.

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

6.1 GPC Newsletters – See LMC website.

6.2 Transformation Fund for GP Premises – NHS England is investing £250 million in GP premises annually for the next four years. Priority will be given to practices which deliver on access to general practice (including increased appointment and patient contact time) and/or enhanced services to support patients manage their conditions in community setting. Applications must be submitted by 16/02/2015.

6.3 Retired QOF indicators – There is no expectation that practices should continue to focus on achieving these targets but that GPs should continue to treat patients in accordance with best clinical practice guidelines.

6.4 Workload Management – The BMA has issued guidance entitled Quality First: Managing Workload, to deliver safe patient care. See LMC website.

6.5 Immigration Access to NHS services – See LMC website.

6.6 Tamiflu for the prophylaxis of influenza in nursing and care homes – A number of GPs across England have raised concerns regarding inappropriate pressure on them to prescribe Tamiflu. GMS regulations are clear that this service is not included under the essential services that practices are required to provide for their registered patients.

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

7.1 West Midlands GPC Negotiators Roadshow – To be held in the Birmingham Medical Institute 05/03/2015 from 7pm to 9pm, the guest speaker will be Dr Chaand Nagpaul.

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

8.1 Pharmacy Applications – NHS England has received an application from Panacea Online Ltd for inclusion in the pharmaceutical list at Unit 2, Two Woods Trading Estate, Talbots Lane, Brierley Hill, DY5 2YX in respect of a distance selling pharmacy.

8.2 Workforce Minimum Data Set (WMDS) – NHS England has requested that practices supply data on their staff including recruitment, absences and personal data such as DOB, NI number and gender. GPC has sought legal advice to help clarify practices’ legal responsibilities and advises that practices are legally obliged to provide the information requested for the WMDS.

**9.** **MISCELLANEOUS**

9.1 MTRAC – No update.

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

**10. AOB**

10.1 Dr Karim a local GP has retired, the LMC wish him a happy retirement.

10.2 New Local Appointments : Prof. Deborah Harkings has been appointed as the new Director of Public Health.

Sarah Norman is the new Chief Exec of Dudley MBC

NEXT MEETING:Friday **6th March 2015**, 12:45pm at Atlantic House, Dudley Rd, Lye, DY9 8EL.

Lunch will be provided.