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**Minutes 03/02/17**

**PRESENT**: Dr Horsburgh (Secretary), Dr Mittal (Treasurer), Dr Bhardwaj, Dr Dawes, Dr Kanhaiya, Dr Ahmad (GPC Black Country rep), Dr Abuffan (Public Health), Julie Robinson (CCG).

**1. APOLOGIES**: Dr Singh Sahni (Chairman), Dr Nancarrow, Dr Plant, Dr Prashara, Jacquelyn Horwood (Practice Manager Rep),

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 06/01/17were signed as correct.

**PRESENTATION –** Jagdeep Sangha – Pharmacist – Dudley CCG

Following a review of the recommended flu vaccines for the 2017-18 season and in light of the significant financial pressures on the budget, the CCG are recommending that GP practices in Dudley review their ordering of flu vaccines and make changes to ensure that at least 75% of vaccines are below an NHS list price of £6. GPs source flu vaccines from manufactures offering the greatest discounts with reputable supply; however the larger discounts on offer may be at a negative impact for the NHS and taxpayer, the conflict of interest for GPs was acknowledged. The potential opportunity of the MCP model allowing GPs to negotiate the price of vaccines on a larger scale and cost effectiveness of drugs was discussed.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Primary Care Development Steering Group (PCDSG) / MCP Developments / Marketing Event - Further to the letter sent by the LMC to the CCG regarding GPs excluded from the PCDSG, confirmation has been received that the steering group Terms of Reference have been amended but must comply with the legal requirements regarding conflict of interest guidance, with reference to provider directorship representation, but the CCG has altered the requirements re CQC rating to allow all practices in Dudley to participate.

Since the marketing event held on 19 January 2017 several potential providers have expressed an interest of been considered as a potential main contractor. The next stage of the process is to form a short list of potential suitable main contractors having identified sub-contractors; the CSU team, in conjunction with the PCDSG GP reps will then carry out detailed structured telephone interviews to select a short-list of potential main contractors/ partners to the full Collaborative group.

In order for the MCP project to succeed, GPs need to be signed up to the process, the options for individual practices as part of the MCP model include remaining as independent contractors( Partial Integration), becoming employees of the MCP ( Full Integration). Concerns were raised regarding the six practices which have not signed the memorandum of understanding.

3.4 Pensions and Tax Information –The presentation by Kim Dobble from BMA /Chase de Vere has been arranged for 15/02/2017 to be held at the CCG commencing at 7pm and will include advice regarding annual allowance and life time allowance as many doctors potentially will exceed the life time allowance.

3.5 Urgent Care Centre / GP overflow – Dr Shukla previously raised the question as to whether it is appropriate for practices to re-direct patients to the Urgent Care Centre (UCC) when there is a lack of available GP appointments. Dr Horsburgh is awaiting the information currently been collated by Jason Evans.

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

4.1 PCD Steering Group TOR – Forty out of forty six practices in the collaborative have signed the memorandum of understanding. The CCG and LCM ideally would like all practices to be signed up to the process; Dan King is exploring ways to achieve this and Dr Richard Gee is visiting practices to facilitate the sign - up. In order to comply with the Terms of Reference practices must participate with the Long Term Conditions Framework and achieve the required Access targets. In addition practices must have at least an adequate CQC rating.

4.2 LPC Funding cuts – Cut backs have occurred to pharmacy based schemes, the LMC supports the LPC in their opposition to these cuts.

4.3 School medical certificates – The parents of Dudley school children have been asked to provide a medical certificate to validate their child’s absence from school. Other LMC have written a letter for practices to give to parents who request such a certificate drawing attention to the fact that GPs do not provide short term certification for periods of less than 7 days and the parent’s explanation for a period of absence should be sufficient for the purposes of the school.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to draft a letter including national guidelines for practices to give to parents.

4.4 Firearms Update – The BMA is in the process of constructing advice to add to existing guidance, once finalised it will be shared with LMCs.

4.5 Coroners Update – The new process of referring deaths to the Coroner is now via an on - line Portal.

4.6 Collaborative Fees – Collaborative arrangements cover services where clinical professionals in the NHS assist Local Authorities in fulfilling their responsibilities by providing an informed clinical opinion. An agreement has to be made as to the services requiring NHS services, fees and the administration of payment for these services.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh and Julie Robinson are to take to the CCG.

4.7 Prescriptions and Medicines consultation – In Dudley approximately £2 million per year are spent on widely available over the counter medicines. The CCG are proposing to stop prescribing medicines for short-term minor conditions or where there is no clear health benefit for patients. A period of public consultation is running up to

26 /04/2017.

**5.** **CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP / NHS ENGLAND**

5.1 The Primary Care Commissioning Committee – The Netherton Health Centre primary care premises consolidation continues to move forward. The Coombes Wood surgery has now re-opened.

5.2 Clinical Development Committee – Shared Care Guidelines between CGL and GP practices for the delivery of care for patients with a drug or alcohol misuse problem who are managed by the GP has been approved.

5.3 Sustainability and Transformation Plans –The process continues to move forward, a number of bids have been submitted for transformation monies some of which were Black Country wide bids, others from individual organisations.

**6. PUBLIC HEALTH**

6.1. Update – The re-structuring of the Public Health department has now been completed, information as to who takes responsibility for what issues will be provided. A small number of babies have been born with congenital syphilis to mothers who earlier in pregnancy tested negative and a cluster of patients testing Hep A positive within the population of men who have sex with men was noted.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE BMA / RCGP**

7.1 GPC News –Updates include GP Forward View. See LMC website.

7.2 GPF View Update – Dr Horsburgh has details of a Confident Leader programme organised by the PCC, funding for the programme is available.

7.3 Sessional Doctor Newsletter – See LMC website.

7.4 Private practice conference – This conference is organised by the BMA and will be held on Wednesday 5 April 2017 at BMA House, London.

7.5 Working Together to Sustain General Practice – The aim of the conference is to provide the context and information to empower LMCs to lead local change; it will be held on 23 February 2017 at BMA House, London.

7.6 A guide to effective communication: inclusive language in the workplace – this guide is available from the BMA.

**8.** **CORRESPONDENCE FROM WM RLMC / BMA BC DIVISION**

8.1 Negotiators Roadshow - This was held on 31/01/2017, attendance was good, with an interesting presentation but some comments from members were negative re GPFV and the MCP process.

8.2 Nuts and Bolts – The WMRLMCLG Nuts and Bolts meeting will be held on 08/03/2017, 4 seats are available, however, they have to be funded by the LMC.

**9.** **CORRESPONDENCE** **FROM NHS TRUSTS, DH, GMC**

9.1 Pharmacy Applications – Nil.

9.2 PCSE –No update.

**10. MISCELLANEOUS**

10.1 Walsall, S. Staffordshire and Worcester Newsletters- received.

**11. AOB**

11.1 The sad news of the death of Dr Jamie Macpherson who for 16 years was the secretary of Coventry LMC was

noted.

11.2 Gower Gardens – Dr Lewis raised the issues of Gower Gardens a nursing home with beds for 22 patients suffering from dementia and the impact that this is having on local GP practices. The district nursing team have also raised concerns regarding the suitability of equipment including beds and staff competency.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh and Dr Lewis are to meet with the management team to discuss the issues.

NEXT MEETING**: Friday 3 March 2017, 12:45pm at Brierley Hill Health and Social Care Centre, Orange Room, CCG offices, (second floor).**

Lunch will be provided.