**DUDLEY LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

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**Minutes 04/04/14**

**PRESENT**: Dr Singh Sahni (Chairman), Dr Horsburgh (Secretary), Dr Mittal (Treasurer), Dr Bhardwaj, Dr Bramble, Dr Khan, Dr Collins (Public Health), Dr Ahmad.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies have been received from Dr Dawes.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 07/03/14 were confirmed and signed as correct.

Dr Uzma Ahmad a GP practicing in Walsall attended to raise awareness of her candidacy for the forthcoming election for GPC Black Country Representative.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 QOF variations and LES – QOF information is available on the BMA and LMC websites and has been sent to practice managers. Teresa Jeavons has written to practices to remind practitioners that non clinical data needs to be entered when CQRS is ready.

Risk Stratification LES –To be paid by AT and monitored by CCG. Practices are still awaiting the risk stratification tool to assist the collection data which has not previously been collected. Currently information including minutes of Virtual Ward meetings, significant event meetings and audit of deaths is requested.

3.2 Phasing out of the Minimum Practice Income Guarantee (MPIG) – AT is to produce a list of all practices affected by this change. National discussion is still ongoing.

3.3 Direct referral from Opticians to Cataract treatment centres – The CCG has confirmed that the contract will continue for at least six to eight months, possibly a year after the automatic decommissioning date. The LMC debated issues such as potential delays to treatment if patients need to be reviewed by their GP and lack of direct line contact details of opticians on many letters. Dr Richard Gee is to look into quality issues on behalf of the CCG.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to feedback LMC concerns to the CCG.

3.4 Guidance For GMS Contract 2014/15 – General Medical Services (GMS) Contract Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) has been published March 2014.

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

4.1 GPs in the Walsall area have had a deduction on the March statement for “Van Charges” for courier services, collection and delivery services. Dudley GPs have also been charged for this service which previously was paid by the AT. Notice of a change to contract must be provided by January, otherwise it should not be implemented until the following year.

4.2 GP Appraiser Consultancy Agreement – The Medical Appraisal Policy was published in October 2013 and came into effect April 2014. It is expected that all NHS England appraisers will sign the agreement if they are self-employed. Nobody will be able to appraise without a signed agreement.

4.3 LMC Membership – Dr Suleman has currently resigned his position on the LMC due to the increase in his practice commitments as a result of the difficulty recruiting GPs. Dr Suleman had attended the Primary Care Committee meetings on behalf of the LMC. Dr Horsburgh to attend the next meeting. If any LMC member would be interested in taking over this role please discuss with Dr Horsburgh.

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

5.1 WM LETB – No further update.

5.2 Interface Group – No further update.

5.3 Primary Care Strategy- The minutes from the meeting in March have not yet been received.

5.4 *Members News* –The minutes from LMC meetings have been added to the news letter, which will also be sent to practice managers. Available on LMC website.

5.5 Primary Care Development Committee – The minutes for the last meeting are awaited, the agenda included the allocation of GPWSI posts, Doodle Ad and immunisation.

Local offer: Children who have had Special Education needs assessment and require less than 20 hours of support will have this support from the school budget, however, this has not been ring fenced. A specialist education and health plan will be implemented for children requiring more than 20 hours support; GPs will be involved in the care plan. This will affect a number of children; therefore Linda Cropper is to write a paper for the CCG.

5.6 Clinical Development Committee – No update.

5.7 PREVENT delivery is a specified requirement within the NHS Standard Contract for 2013/14.

5.8 Diabetes LES 14/15 – This is currently under review, due to delays in the process the CCG has agreed to uplift the payment for the Diabetes LES 2013/14 , tier 1 remuneration £23, tier 2 £26 and tier 3 £31.

5.9 Media Coverage of Dudley Group – An investigation has been carried out with Dudley Council through the Dudley Safeguarding Board and the CCG is reassured by the review.

5.10 LES for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease – The LES was implemented in 2008 and a review has recently taken place, practices are invited to attend a training session to ensure continuing clinical support to the LES.

5.11 Urgent Care Centre – Jason Evans is the lead, the centre is to be staffed by GPs. Patients who attend will undergo GP led triage; there will be 24 hour access to primary care services. Acute primary care service will provided, for non acute primary care the patient will be referred back to their GP.

The LMC wish to be involved in taking the process forward, a draft service specification from the CCG is under review.

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

6.1 GPC Newsletter – Issues discussed included the delay to roll-out of Care.data.

6.2 RCGP Pensions Masterclass – Introduction to the NHS Pension Scheme 17 April, Birmingham Medical Institute, B15 3AF.

6.3 Primary Care Commissioning events – The PCC are running a programme of workshops on two key topics: Working in General Practice – getting the legal structure right and Understanding GMC changes 2014/15.

6.4 GPDF levy 2014 – There is to be a small increase in order to balance the budget; the levy has been set at 6p per patient a modest increase following last year’s reduction.

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

7.1 GPCWM –Suspension of the collection of the levy from LMC constituents for the year 2013 has seen a significant reduction in the funds of GPCWM. Therefore the LMC levy is to be reinstated.

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

8.1 Pharmacy Applications – Birmingham, Solihull and the Black Country Area Team have received an application from Dudley Healthcare Limited for inclusion in the pharmaceutical list at 94A High Street, Dudley, West Midlands, DY1 1QP.

8.2 Changes to the schedule for Meningococcal serogroup C conjugate vaccine – In summary; the second dose at 16 weeks of age has been removed and from the routine schedule for infants. An adolescent booster dose at around 14 years is to be introduced. From mid August 2014 there will be a catch up programme of limited duration to offer the vaccine to first time university entrants.

8.3 New service from the Department of Pathology at Russells Hall Hospital – The pathology department holds weekly ‘data interpretation meeting’ and GPs will be offered access to these meetings via email enquiries. This will enable GPs to obtain advice from consultants on difficult to interpret pathology results and guidance on further investigations. The service is for non urgent cases as it may take up to 10 days for a response, urgent advice may still be sought via the consultant’s secretary.

**9.** **MISCELLANEOUS**

9.1 MTRAC – Denosumab (Prolia) for the treatment of osteoporosis in postmenopausal women is suitable for prescribing in primary care, following secondary care initiation and stabilisation of treatment.

The committee considers that Rifaximin (Targaxan) for the prevention of recurrence of episodes of overt hepatic encephalopathy is suitable for prescribing in primary care following secondary care initiation and stabilisation with the guidance of a share-care agreement.

9.2 South Staffordshire Newsletter received.

9.3 Worcestershire LMC Newsletter received.

9.4 Walsall LMC News received.

9.5 Local GP retirements - Dr Judith Bloor retired from practice on 28th March 2014. Dr Pall who has been in practice since 1976 has also retired.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to write to GPs to wish then both a very happy retirement on behalf of the LMC.

**10. AOB**

NEXT MEETING:Friday 2 May 2014, 12:45pm at Atlantic House, Dudley Rd, Lye, DY9 8EL.

Lunch will be provided.