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c/o Dudley CCG

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**Minutes 05/05/17**

**PRESENT**: Dr Horsburgh (Secretary), Dr Mittal (Treasurer), Dr Bhardwaj, Dr Kanhaiya, Dr Nancarrow, Jacqui Jones (Practice Manager rep).

**1. APOLOGIES**: Dr Singh Sahni (Chairman), Dr Dawes, 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 07/04/17were signed as correct.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Primary Care Development Steering Group (PCDSG) / MCP Developments – A meeting was held by the steering group on 05/05/2017 to discuss legal implications of the process. The PQQ stage of the procurement process commences 08/06/2017; this stage will allow the vetting of potential partners, other organisations could still potentially join the proceedings at this point. The favoured contender is the combination of Birmingham Community Trust with Dudley Group as associate partner. A new company will need to be established and this could take various forms, the degree of influence GPs will have in the new structure, ideally 51% of voting shares, was noted. The contract is to be awarded April 2018; the term is for 15 years; however, there is the option for GPs to leave earlier. The options for individual practices as part of the MCP model include remaining as independent GMS contractors, becoming employees of the MCP or a combination of the two positions. Dr Suleman and Dr Horsburgh are to lead on developing the Integration Agreement. Dan King and his team will be visiting all practices to find out what the issues are for each individual practice and the GP members of each practice to feed into the Integration Agreement developments.

3.2 International Recruitment – Due to local difficulties in recruitment Dr Ahmad previously raised the possibility of utilising an international recruitment programme and its development as a STP footprint. Dan King has been looking into the available funding to support the cost of moving and for training. Any interested practices should contact either Dan King or Jo Taylor.

3.3 Contracts with Hospital Trusts – The new changes to the 2017-19 hospital contracts are designed to further reduce inappropriate workload on GP practices. Hospitals will take responsibility for: issuing Fit Notes covering the period until the expected date that the patient will be recovered, providing hospital clinic letters within 10 days, only transferring management under shared care with the prior agreement of the GP and respond to patient queries relating to care rather than asking them to contact their GP. Any problems with compliance with these requirements should be reported to the CCG.

3.4 Personal Independence Payments – Dr Ahmad has escalated this issue to the GPC and will feedback at next LMC meeting.

3.5 Pharmacy First – Medications of limited clinical benefit remain available through Pharmacy First.

3.6 Indemnity Payments – As part of the 2017/18 GP contract it was agreed that 51.6p per patient would be paid to practices to cover this year’s rise in indemnity insurance costs for all GPs delivering GMS work. Where principle and salaried GPs are paying for part or all of their indemnity costs, the practice should reimburse to them an appropriate proportion which the GP has paid for their cover.

3.7 Urine testing in the Children’s Continence Service – the committee discussed and agreed that the service should dipstix urines and send MSUs to the lab as appropriate with copies of results to the GP. The service should contact the GP for further assessment if the MSU result is +ve.

3.8 Familial Hypercholesterolemia screening services - Dr Horsburgh and CCG have met with the nurse lead from the British Heart Foundation and NHSE to point out the gaps in the business case re rent reimbursement / long – term continuity of the service etc. and Jo Taylor ( CCG ) is monitoring the issues.

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

4.1 NHS Property Service, Lease Issues – Two types of lease are available, the Fully Insuring and Repairing Lease (FRI) whereby the tenant has responsibility for all external and internal maintenance, the landlord having no repairing or insuring liability and the Tenant Internal Repairing Lease (TIR) where the tenant is responsible for the interior with the landlord being responsible for external and structural repairs. NHSPS is encouraging practices to take out FRI, however the advice from the CCG is **not to sign** a FRI lease.

CCG to review notional rent if a practice does not fit with the long-term property strategy of the CCG/MCP. Issues may arise for practices that are considering sale and lease back arrangements, therefore this is to be discussed at a GP membership meeting before being adopted by the CCG as policy. The specific issues relating to the Ridgeway surgery were discussed. Dr Horsburgh has escalated this matter to the GPC Premises committee and awaits their response.

4.2 Solutions4Health – Public Health have awarded the contract for smoking cessation and weight management etc. to Solutions4Health; Dr Horsburgh met with Dr Angela Snowling, Medical Director who confirmed that staff are currently being appointed in order to move the service forward. Dr Horsburgh made her aware of the short – falls in the system due to the problems of transition to a new provider.

Issues relating to the difficulty of achieving the NHS target for health checks were debated.

4.3 GP Retention Scheme – This scheme aims to provide support and resources aimed at GPs who may consider leaving clinical practice, but are prepared to commit to providing between one and four sessions weekly was launched this week, guidance is available on the BMA website.

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

5.1 The Primary Care Commissioning Committee – The last meeting was held on 21 April 2017 - issues discussed included business rules for the new contractual framework and plans for delivery for GPFV stage 2 funding.

5.2 Clinical Development Committee – The last meeting was held on 19 April 2017, issues discussed included feedback on the Airedale Telemedicine Project and approval for the 2017/18 Prescribing Incentive Scheme.

5.3 Sustainability and Transformation Plans – Dr Horsburgh provided verbal update on progress of Sponsor Group and Clinical Reference Group for the Black Country.

5.4 Serious Incidents Notification – NHSE asked to be informed of all complaints relating to inappropriate physical or sexual examination, fraud and where Duty of Candour requirements occur.

**6. PUBLIC HEALTH**

6.1. Update –No update.

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

7.1 GPC News – See LMC website

7.2 GPFV GP Transformational Board – verbal update from Dr Horsburgh who attended the last meeting – CCG Primary Care reps will attend the various sub-groups of the Board to ensure funding delivery.

7.3 GP at Scale event – The Looking Forward to an At Scale Future event is to be held 15/052017 at MAC Birmingham, B12 9QH; it is open to all RCGP members.

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

8.1 WMRC Regional Assembly – This meeting was held on 27/04/2017 – Dr David Wrigley for the BMA presented on STPs – slide pack on LMC website.

8.2 GP Trainee Conference – This conference aims to teach trainees how to make the most of GP training and prepare for life after training, it will be held on 13/07/2017 at the National Motorcycle Museum.

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

9.1 Pharmacy Applications – NHSE has approved a combined change of ownership and no significant change relocation for Boots from Moor Centre DY5 3AH to Day-Night Pharmacy Ltd at 20 Albion Street DY5 3EE.

A no significant change relocation to Feldon Lane Surgery B62 9DR by Rajja Ltd has been refused.

9.2 PCSE – no specific feedback on this area but still on- going difficulties with patient registration etc.

9.3 Local Workforce Action Board – next meeting 18th May – Dr Horsburgh unable to attend – he will seek rep.

9.4 GMC – Confidentiality guide has been issued – noted by the committee.

**10. MISCELLANEOUS**

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

**11. AOB**

11.1 GPDF Renewal – Dr Mittal given updated GPDF invoice and will check if we need to increase LMC levy.

11.2 LMC website – renewal payment £50 paid

11.3 Future role of the LMC – this was discussed by the committee in light of national discussions re relationship with CCGs / Federations etc – committee still sees an important role for the LMC as independently representing all GPs in our area beyond the corporate needs of the CCG / MCP – Dr Horsburgh suggested having a recruitment drive to gain new members and re – energise the committee.

NEXT MEETING**: Friday 2nd June 2017, 12:45pm at Brierley Hill Health and Social Care Centre, Orange Room, CCG offices, (second floor).**

Lunch will be provided.