**DUDLEY LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

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c/o Dudley CCG

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**Minutes 05/06/15**

**PRESENT**: Dr Singh Sahni (Chairman), Dr Horsburgh (Secretary), Dr Mittal (Treasurer), Dr Dawes, Dr Prashara Dr Ahmad (GPC Black Country rep), Dr Abuaffan (Public Health), Anna Nicholls (AT), Dan King (CCG).

**1. APOLOGIES**: Dr Nancarrow, Dr Plant.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 01/05/15were signed as correct.

**Sexual Health Consultation Feedback -** Dr Abuaffan (Public Health).

From 1 April 2013, Dudley MBC is required by regulation to commission comprehensive sexual health services including: contraception including implants and intrauterine, STI testing and treatment, Chlamydia Screening Programme and HIV testing in addition to psychosexual counselling.

The consultation was carried out between January to March 2015, this included stakeholder analysis, service user questionnaire and online surveys. The key focus areas included views on current provision, ease of access to contraception and STI testing and treatment, preference for a one-stop shop model and preference between a service for all ages and a dedicated young people’s service.

Recommendations included a recommendation to expand one stop provision and provide comprehensive contraception and STI screening, testing and treatment and to develop young people’s dedicated services in addition to services for all ages as part of an overall matrix of provision.

Issues raised by LMC members included the need for GPs to be informed when their patients are commenced on hormonal contraceptives as the patient may have significant risk factors that may impact on the appropriate choice of contraception. The presentation can be seen via the LMC website.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 PMS to GMS support – The LMC members indicated that the level of support currently offered to practices reverting to GMS contracts is adequate.

3.2 Blue Bag charges – No significant progress has been made, Dr Mahay is currently liaising with the AT on behalf of the Black Country LMCs.

3.3 Practice Nurse Revalidation – The practice nurse mentor scheme has been extended and workshops organised.

3.4 GP careers Fair – A successful, well attended careers fair took place in May 2015 to recruit GPs into Dudley Borough practices. Many practices gained expressions of interest; the next fair will be open to Wolverhampton and Sandwell practices.

3.5 Saltbrook Place – In 2014 practices local to Saltbrook Place, Gibbs Road received a presentation to seek views regarding the provision of medical services for Saltbrook Place. GPs put forward the view that medical cover should be provided by one named GP for continuity and that this should be provided on site for reasons of clinical safety. However, no such agreement has been put in place, resulting in patients presenting and consulting the practices in the local area. This has resulting in the CCG receiving a number of concerns from local practices, including the potentially violent and aggressive nature of some of the clients. As other developments are scheduled in the borough, this issue requires resolving. The CCG has raised the following points: practices operate a zero tolerance policy, patients can be seen in GP surgeries with an escort, and Dr Prashara would be best placed to provide medical cover for Saltbrook residents.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to attend an open day at Saltbrook. The LMC will write to the council expressing the need for ensuring the provision for medical services is taken into account when planning future services for groups with complex needs.

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

4.1 LMC Accounts – The accounts for the year ended 30 September 2014 were presented and signed off.

4.2 PIGG & Revalidation – Professional and Practice Information Gathering Group (PIGG) has the remit to receive, assess and triage concerns regarding an individual performer’s or their practice’s performance.

Dr Kiran Patel RO has written to Dr Morley reiterating that given the GMC and RCGP description of significant events for GPs that it would be unusual for GPs not to have been involved in two incidents to discuss at appraisal. A meeting is to be arranged between Dr Patel’s associates and LMCs within the region to resolve the debate, as the number of SIs to be considered is not dictated in the GMC regulations.

4.3 Pharmacy Flu Vaccination Pilot 2014-15 – Community pharmacies have been identified as safe and appropriate alternative providers of seasonal flu vaccination service. However, the number immunised did not significantly increase the uptake rates in the target group and the AT uptake is still below the national threshold. PHE intend to proceed with this service 2015/16 despite the poor evidence of benefit.

4.4 CQC Inspection – Jennifer Keates CQC CCG Link Inspector is scheduling local inspections. Instead of the inspections focusing on one particular geographical area at any one time, each area will have CQC visits throughout the year.

4.5 Indemnity Fees – The increase in fees was discussed at the recent LMC conference, the GPC is to investigate the issue.

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

5.1 Education Strategy – No update.

5.2 Co-Commissioning LMC representative – An independent GP is still been sought to attend monthly meetings.

**Action:** If any GP is interested please contact Dr Horsburgh.

5.3 Primary Care Commissioning Committee – The process of devolvement continues, for a summary see *Members News*.

5.4 Clinical Development Committee –No recent meeting has been held.

5.5 Practice Engagement Scheme – A letter has been circulated for practices to commit to undertaking the requirements of the scheme which aims to strengthen quality assurance and meet the national and local obligations for the commissioning of primary care.

5.6 Resilience Maps – Information has been collated for two years by the CCG and used to develop commissioning plans and implement the primary care strategy.

**6. PUBLIC HEALTH**

6.1 Sexual Health – There is no current plan to tender. Any reorganisation will involve consultation with the stakeholders including primary care.

6.2 Health Visitors – The Health Visitors are to be based around residential areas rather than attached to GP practices. Concerns were raised that Health Visitors are not routinely available in practices as much as GPs would like. The re-organisation may provide an opportunity for the service to be reviewed from a stakeholder perspective and to improve service provision; current concerns regarding the service were highlighted by the LMC members to Dr Abuaffan.

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

7.1 GPC News – See LMC website.

7.2 LMC Conference – Key resolutions passed at the conference included: the Government ceasing to use the NHS as a political commodity by fuelling unrealistic expectations and the unsustainable increase in GP workload and intensity leading to an exodus of doctors. Summary on LMC website.

7.3 Network Funding – GPC is inviting LMCs to submit an application by the end of June to access up to £10,000 of GPDF funding, in order to assist the formation and development of local GP networks and federations. The GPC regional lead Dr Amad is organising a Blackcountry wide meeting 09/09/2015, details will be circulated at a later date.

7.4 Early Career GPs – The GPC has acknowledged that mechanisms need to be put in place to train and nurture the future leaders of general practice. See LMC website.

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

8.1 GPCWM AGM – The AGM is to be held at BMI on 09/07/2015, Dr Horsburgh to attend.

8.2 Health Education West Midlands – A free training resource which covers a number of training areas for all health staff can be accessed via the link http://learning.wm.hee.nhs.uk

8.3 HEWM Primary Care News – See LMC website.

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

9.1 Pharmacy applications – Nil received.

**10. MISCELLANEOUS**

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

**11**. **AOB**

11.1 Dr Basu from St Thomas practice is to retire; the LMC will send a letter of thanks and good wishes.

NEXT MEETING: **Friday 10th July**, 12:45pm at Atlantic House, Dudley Rd, Lye, DY9 8EL.

Lunch will be provided.