**DUDLEY LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

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c/o Dudley CCG

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**Minutes 01/09/17**

**PRESENT**: Dr Singh Sahni (Chairman), Dr Horsburgh (Secretary), Dr Mittal (Treasurer), Dr Kanhaiya, Dr Ahmad (GPC Black Country rep), Dr Abuaffan (Public Health), Jacqui Jones (Practice Manager rep), Jo Taylor (CCG).

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

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 28/07/17were signed as correct. The minutes of the March LMC meeting have been retrospectively amended on the LMC website to remove the names of the potential providers of the MCP project.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Primary Care Development Steering Group (PCDSG) / MCP Developments – The last Member’s meeting was held 2 weeks ago. Paul Maubach gave a presentation on the procurement process to date. The advantages of securing LMC representation on the Main Board of the MCP to provide an independent opinion, peer support and representation for GPs at a level where policy is being developed was discussed. Paul Maubach has expressed the opinion that LMC representation should be embedded into the MCP contract; however, some local GPs are currently undecided. The potential implications of raising the LMC levy if practices are fully integrated into the MCP model and the GPs become employees was discussed.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to draft a formal letter to the CCG offering the LMC services.

Useful guidance entitled GP participation in a Multispeciality Community Provider from NHS England is available on the LMC website.

3.2 Personal Independence Payments – Patients have been requesting medical reports from their GP to provide evidence that will assist their PIP claim, this is an optional service provided by GPs and fees can be negotiated with the patient depending on the amount of work involved. ATOS reports, which Dr Bob Morley (Birmingham LMC) suggests has replaced the previous Disability Living Allowance forms, are longer documents that are a statutory requirement under the GMS contract, but the fee attached fails to recognise this increased work. Dr Ahmad is awaiting a response on the issue from Dr Peter Holden at the GPC.

3.3 NHS Property Service, Lease Issues – Ciara Greene from the BMA has informed the LMC that NHS England are seeking details of the lease back blocking by Dudley CCG of the application submitted by the Ridgeway Surgery. An update will be provided by Ciara Greene in due course.

3.4 Extended Access and Peer Review – The Extended Access scheme goes live on 02/09/2017, contracts have been sent to practices, 90 minutes of extra time is provided on a daily basis in addition to some weekend provision. Concerns were raised regarding the IT remote access, however the LMC members were reassured by Jo Taylor as testing has been carried out in the Halesowen practices, where the IT speed has been noted to be marginally slower. The Extended Hours DES, as in the GMS contract, will continue, practices must be open for core hours in order to participate in the Extended Access scheme, GPFV funding will enable each practice to do their allocated hours or sub contract to another practice. In this scenario case funding is transferred to the practice undertaking the work.

Peer Review will be focused on certain specialities including trauma and orthopaedic referrals, a draft of the scheme will be circulated. The difficulty of peer review of reviewing referrals before they are submitted as opposed to retrospective review for single handed GPs was discussed. Issues such as patients requesting orthopaedic MRI scans and the costs of performing spirometry in primary care, potentially increasing referrals to these specialities was debated.

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

4.1 Do Not Prescribe List – A local GP raised concerns that the GMC might rule against a GP where a complaint is made because the patient was asked to purchase OTC medications when the patient is eligible for free prescriptions. The LMC debated the contractual right of GPs to prescribe to their patients, which are retained in this scheme, the lack of evidence to support the use of some medications on the list, the Minor Ailment scheme which enables participating pharmacists to supply certain medications, the GPs role in the management of financial resources and that local GPs had previously sought a statement from the CCG supporting them not to prescribe these items. The CCG has also conducted wide public consultation on these changes and found the local population supportive of the proposals.

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

5.1 The Primary Care Commissioning Committee – The last meeting was held on 11 August 2017 - issues discussed included High Oak APMS contract re-procurement.

5.2 Clinical Development Committee – The last meeting was on 16 August 2017- issues discussed included the implications of generic prescribing for the CCG and the De-Commissioning Policy.

**Actions:** Dr Horsburgh to update the LMC of developments.

5.3 Sustainability and Transformation Plans – Dr Horsburgh to attend the next meeting and feedback to the LMC.

**6. PUBLIC HEALTH**

6.1. Update – Public Health have moved into their new premises and have been able to employ new staff to move services forward integrating with the MCP. Plans are been prepared for PH’s role as first responders following the Grenfell Tower tragedy.

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

7.1 GPC News – GPC England executive team and GPC UK Policy Leads have been appointed including Bob Morley as lead for contracts and regulation. Dr Ahmad raised the issue of the appointment of 2 selected negotiators with limited general practice experience.

7.2 GPDF Levy increase – The GPDF levy may increase although we are paying at the previous levy rate until the correct levy level is decided. Dr Mittal will monitor the costs and review the need for increasing our LMC levy if the fees increase significantly.

7.3 LMC Conference - The Conference of England LMCs is to be held on Friday 10 November 2017, Dr Horsburgh and Dr Singh Sahni are to attend. LMCs are invited to submit motions for debate at the conference.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to draft motion relating to increased costs of the GPDF levy.

7.4 Training – Skills Training: Negotiation to be held on 23 November 2017. Details are available from Dr Horsburgh.

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

8.1 WMRC – The next WMRC ABM meeting to be held on 12/10/2017 in Birmingham, Dr Horsburgh to attend.

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

9.1 Pharmacy Applications – Nil.

9.2 PCSE – Capita report that solutions are addressing the ongoing concerns.

**10. MISCELLANEOUS**

10.1 Walsall Newsletter- received.

**11. AOB**

NEXT MEETING**: Friday 6 October 2017, 12:45pm at Brierley Hill Health and Social Care Centre, Orange Room, CCG offices, (second floor).**

Lunch will be provided.