**DUDLEY LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

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 At next meeting.

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 **Minutes 04/10/13**

**PRESENT**: Dr Horsburgh (Secretary), Dr Bhardwaj, Dr Bramble, Dr Dawes, Dr Khan, Dr Shather, Dr Suleman.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies have been received from Dr Singh Sahni (Chairman), Dr Mittal (Treasurer), Dr Blackman, Dr Nancarrow, Dr Johal, Dr Plant, Dr Handa GPC Black Country rep and Anna Nicholls AT.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13/09/13 which were then confirmed and signed as correct.

**PENSIONS FORUM**

Lawrence Brown and Ben Curtis from the independent financial advisors Ernest Grant presented a workshop to update practitioners regarding current and forthcoming changes around the NHS Pension Scheme. Issues discussed included annual allowance, life time allowance and 24 hour retirement.

Individual or practice reviews can be arranged, the initial meeting is without cost/obligation, there are fees for time and specific work.

The presentation is available by PDF from Laurence Brown.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Blue Badge appeals – The payment of reports for medical information requested by Social Services for Blue Badge appeals are as per normal fees payable by the person/department requesting.

Collaborative fees providing reports etc for looked after children/carers are claimed through James Smith at the CCG.

3.2 ECG LES – Feedback regarding the processing of claim forms at the next meeting.

3.3 Patient note transfer – Issues were raised at the previous LMC meeting regarding NHS England requesting paper copies, rather than accepting records on disc. Feedback from Marion Hall, Head of Primary Care Support Services and Julie Robinson, Deputy Head of Primary Care Support Services have confirmed that current regulations state that paper copies have to be submitted.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to raise the issue at the Interface Group.

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

4.1 Zero tolerance policy – A form is available to be completed for the FHS when a practice requests a patient removal due to violence or aggression. The three month rotation policy remains in situ for use if necessary.

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

5.1 WMLETB – Dr Johal in feedback raised the issue of the value of a LMC on the WMLETB. The WMLETC has discussed additional resources for medical training in primary care and whether the number of registrar level doctors can be accommodated in primary care.

5.2 Interface Group – This is now becoming established. Topics debated include the incentive scheme and the primary care toolkit.

5.3 Urgent Care proposals – A 12 week public consultation is imminent. The potential additional capacity generate in primary care by the planned closure of the Walk In Centre was discussed.

5.4 Primary Care Strategy- No update.

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

6.1 Negotiating News 15, 22 and 28 September received, topics discussed include collaborative fees.

6.2 GPC Newsletter – On LMC website.

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

7.1 Update – See LMC website for dates of forthcoming meeting, including anaphylaxis & CPR, men’s health, and paediatric update.

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

8.1 Pharmacy Applications – NHS England, Birmingham, Solihull & The Black Country Area Team has received an application offering unforeseen benefits from PASAB Ltd. The proposed location is Portway Lifestyle Centre, Newbury Lane, Oldbury B69 1HE.

The application from B D Healthcare Ltd t/a Oldbury Pharmacy for a relocation of premises from 234 Causeway Green Road, Oldbury, B68 8LS to 196 Causeway Green Road has been approved by Birmingham, Solihull & The Black Country Area Team.

8.2 Primary Care Development Committee – Update from Dr Suleman: Primary Care Incentive Scheme, the money the CCG has to re-invest a sub group has been set up to decide how this will be distributed. The LMC members expressed the opinion that distribution should address issues of health inequality.

**Action:** Dr Dawes to attend meeting.

**9.** **MISCELLANEOUS**

9.1 MTRAC – Nil received.

9.2 Walsall LMC News received.

9.3 South Staffordshire Newsletter received.

9.4 Worcestershire LMC Newsletter received.

**10. AOB**

NEXT MEETING: **Please note that there will not be a LMC meeting in November.** Friday 6 December 2013, 12:45pm at Atlantic House, Dudley Rd, Lye, DY9 8EL.

Lunch will be provided.