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**Minutes 03/11/17**

**PRESENT**: Dr Singh Sahni (Chairman), Dr Horsburgh (Secretary), Dr Mittal (Treasurer), Dr Bhardwaj, Dr Dawes, Dr Abuaffan (Public Health), Jacqui Jones (Practice Manager rep), Joe Taylor (CCG).

**1. APOLOGIES**: Dr Kanhaiya, Dr Nancarrow, Dr Prashara, Dr Plant, Dr Ahmad (GPC Black Country rep).

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 06/10/17were signed as correct.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Primary Care Development Steering Group (PCDSG) / MCP Developments – The organisation form which the MCP will take is proving challenging. A Foundation Trust such as that of that vacated by the Black Country Partnership Foundation Trust will be an ideal shell in which to form the MCP, but may not be available due to TCT. Work continues to progress on the clinical model of care and how this will function in the future; GP hubs for acute care and separate management of long term conditions as per the New Zealand model is a proposed option. Ideas are been investigated as to how GPs will be supported by the MDT. The process by which practices become fully integrated into the MCP model is complicated especially for those practices who wish full integration into the MCP, as all practices have different work streams generating income and a standard template may not be able to address the individual practices requirements. The LMC currently holds the viewpoint that practices should not be advised to fully integrate unless they have issues which full integration into the MCP model will address. The LMC is happy to advise practices on this decision.

Joe Taylor presented the work currently been carried out to update the DQOFH framework, see LMC website for summary table.

3.2 HPV vaccination – As discussed at the previous meeting, Boots Pharmacies are to offer HPV vaccination to all men and women aged 12-44 on a private basis. This differs to the NHS service which offers vaccination to females aged 12-14 years, as there is little evidence to suggest the vaccine is effective in older patients. Dr Horsburgh is currently awaiting a response from the LPC regarding the rationale for this policy.

3.3 Patient notes transport – Feedback regarding the roll out of the new collection system of notes from Capita will be given from Dr Ahmad at next meeting. Anecdotally practices have had difficulties sending back the notes of patients which have inadvertently been delivered to the wrong practice, a regular occurrence.

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

4.1 Service Level Agreement for Smoking Cessation – Challenges have included poor quit rates and difficulties surrounding the NRT supply route. Local GPs are confused as to the process of referring patients to smoking cessation services and whether Primary Care is currently expected to provide the service. Jagdeep Sangha (CCG Pharmacy Lead) has suggested that from an access viewpoint, community pharmacies are the most accessible healthcare professional and once S4H has taken the decision to not renew Primary Care contract with GPs the prescribing of NRT on FP10 should cease. In the longer term patients will be assessed for a variety of lifestyle behaviours via a single point of access.

**Action:** Dr Abuaffan to feedback on the difficulties to Public Health and Dr Horsburgh to discuss with Jagdeep Sangha Community Pharmacy.

4.2 Norton Medical Practice information letter– The Norton Medical Practice and Lion Health are proposing to merge on 1 April 2018 with the closure of Norton Practice. The LMC support this merger as the practice has been unable to recruit replacement GPs to the practice and this option as it provides a controlled transfer of patients to another practice when compared to dispersal of the patient list.

4.3 Firearms Certificate – A local GP has responded to a request regarding information which may determine a patient’s suitability or not to hold a firearms certificate by suggesting that this requires a specialist opinion and has had problems with the police accepting this.

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

5.1 The Primary Care Commissioning Committee – The last meeting was held on 20 October 2017 - issues discussed included the merger of Norton Practice with Lion Health.

5.2 Clinical Development Committee – The last meeting was on 18 October 2017- issues discussed included adult mental health services and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

5.3 Sustainability and Transformation Plans – No recent meeting.

**6. PUBLIC HEALTH**

6.1. CASH – Patients have been advised to approach their GP for repeat prescriptions for contraception, which the LMC felt was to the detriment of patient care and quality of service and that if a shared care agreement was to be put in place this needs to be done with consultation with the CCG and primary care. The LMC highlighted the need for patients to have the choice of obtaining contraceptive services from both primary care and contraceptive services. In addition, CASH was not providing LARC to patients over the age of 25 a decision which has now been reversed. Dr Abuaffan has advised the LMC that this unilateral change of prescribing policy has been reversed by Public Health.

6.2 Flu vaccination supply – Pharmacists are able to obtain flu vaccines 3 weeks before GPs the impact upon vaccination rates caused by this discrepancy was discussed.

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

7.1 GPC News – No recent update.

7.2 LMC Conference - The Conference of England LMCs is to be held on Friday 10 November 2017, Dr Singh Sahni to attend.

7.3 GPFV – Dr Chandra Kanneganti has circulated a further update, see LMC website. Locally work is progressing to reduce GP workload by addressing training issues, signposting to other healthcare professionals, telephone contact training and funding for online consultation via the practice website.

7.4 Indemnity Funding –The Government has agreed to fund GP indemnity, MDU fees will have a 50% reduction but with cover provided only for the time a GP in practice, compared to the current provision of life long cover, The BMA and LMC recommends waiting for the fully details of the cover before changing the type of cover taken out.

7.5 General Practice Transformation Champions event – To be held on 22 November, in London, details are available from Dr Horsburgh.

7.6 GPC Pensions – Primary care support services is to transform what were previously locally managed operations.

7.7 Training – The BMA is providing 2 hours of free CPD to members, Dr Horsburgh has the details.

7.8 GPDF – Currently there will be no increase in national levy for 2017-20018.

7.9 SNOMED – SNOMED CT will become the default NHS coding system replacing the READ and CTV3 coding systems in all GP clinical systems, the changeover will begin in April 2018. See LMC website for details.

**8.** **CORRESPONDENCE FROM WM LMCLG / BMA - WMRC**

8.1 BMA – The WMRC AGM was meeting held on 12/10/2017 in Birmingham, Dr Horsburgh attended.

8.2 BMA WMRC Executive meeting – The next meeting is to be held on 23 November 2017.

8.3 WMLMCLG – The next Nuts and Bolts meeting will be on 29 November at the Holiday Inn, Birmingham 12:30 -17:30.

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

9.1 Pharmacy Applications – NHSE have confirmed that a no significant change relocation has been granted to Murrays Internet Pharmacy, 4 Lowndes Road, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY8 3SS by Murray & Sons Ltd.

9.2 PCSE – See LMC website for update.

9.3 Revalidation Officer Meeting – To be held on 15/11/2017 with Dr Kiran Patel, Dr Horsburgh gave his apology that he is unable to attend.

9.4 Referral leaflet – The BMA and NHSE have produced a patient information leaflet with a checklist of information which patients should be given including discharge medications, fit note and hospital follow up arrangements.

9.5 NHS Property Service – A letter from the Customer Services Director has been circulated to ascertain how members can be supported on property matters.

**10. MISCELLANEOUS**

10.1 Walsall Newsletter- received.

**11. AOB**

11.1 Nil.

NEXT MEETING**: Friday 1 December 2017, 12:45pm at Brierley Hill Health and Social Care Centre, Orange Room, CCG offices, (second floor).**

Lunch will be provided.