**DUDLEY LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

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**Minutes 06/12/13**

**PRESENT**: Dr Singh Sahni (Chairman), Dr Horsburgh (Secretary), Dr Mittal (Treasurer),

Dr Bhardwaj, Dr Bramble, Dr Dawes, Dr Johal, Dr Khan, Dr Nancarrow, Dr Prashara, Dr Shather, Dr Suleman, Dr Collins, Public Health and Dr Devereux.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies have been received from Dr Plant, Dr Handa GPC Black Country rep, Dr Saroufeem, and Anna Nicholls.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 04/10/13 which were then confirmed and signed as correct.

**PRESENTATION**

The Gallery –Leon Barrett

The Gallery is a non commissioned service led by Cranstoun to support over 18 year olds with drug and alcohol issues and their family. GPs can refer to the service but patients can also self refer. In addition to having access to support groups such as Narcotics Anonymous, SMART and ReAct service users can have assistance with social and life skills for example job search (important for maintaining benefits) and Basic IT skills with the aim of increasing self empowerment and gaining new hobbies and social support.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 Patient note transfer – Marion Hall, Head of Primary Care Support Services confirmed that current regulations state that paper copies have to be submitted. Dr Horsburgh raised the issue at the Interface Group as a result the issue will be reviewed.

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

4.1 LMC Constitution – Anna Nicholls raised the point that the LMC constitution requires updating to reflect the current working partnership with the CCG.

**Action:** Dr Horsburgh to update using the GPC/BMA services template and will circulate to LMC members on completion.

4.2 GP Contract changes –Summary available on LMC website and FAQ on BMA website.

4.3Kates Hill letters –Difficulties have arisen concerning the mail which has been delivered to Kates Hill practice since its closure more than six months ago. The LMC supports viewpoint that the responsibility does not rest with any individual doctor and that Dr Gupta has discharged his responsibility. To ensure patient safety the AT should take on the responsibility of dealing with the mail and returning to sender where appropriate.

4.4 CQRS – Training for staff regarding details of how to submit data has been available, currently the system is not fully functioning.

4.5 Christmas opening – Practices are allowed to close on bank holidays and are expected to provide a normal service on other days or alternative arrangements should have been made for patients to access primary medical services. GPC advice letter on LMC website.

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

5.1 WMLETB – The LMC supports the proposal that there is a LMC representative at board level; clinicians particularly those for primary care are underrepresented. A board member representing the LMC will enable local GPs to have an influence on the training budget.

5.2 Interface Group – Dr Horsburgh on behalf of the LMC attends regular meetings with the AT, recent discussions included the violent patient programme and the effect to the Norton Medical Practice due to the relocation of Worcester Street practice.

5.3 Primary Care Strategy- The last meeting was held on 26/11/13 practice manager and practice nurse education, CQC preparation and practice development plans debated.

5.4 Primary Care Incentive Scheme – The pros and cons of the incentive scheme were debated. The qualifying criteria of practices having to open 50 hours per week to be eligible to participate in the Improving Access and Patient Experience element of the Incentive Scheme for 2013-14 was acknowledged as a difficulty for small practices.

**Action:** The LMC will write to the CCG to express concerns regarding the fundamental flaws for some local

small practices and that a more equitable scheme should be developed for future use.

5.5 *Members News* – This update should be received from the Dudley CCG.

5.6 CCG Constitution changes – Dr Horsburgh on behalf of the LMC has approved minor changes to constitution mainly involving changes to committee members.

5.7 Performers Panel – Dr Nick Hall has clarified that there will be a pool of doctors whose expertise can be called upon as appropriate to cover Sandwell, Walsall, Wolverhampton and Dudley. Funding is available to cover the commitment and travelling time. Training will be provided; indemnity insurance needs to be in place.

5.8 Quality Premium – Joanne Gutteridge, Senior Commissioning Engagement Officer has circulated supplementary documentation to be completed for sign up to the new ACG Risk Stratification Tool.

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

6.1 Negotiating News from October and November received.

6.2 GPC Newsletter – On LMC website topics discussed included LETB, GP contract in England for 2014 and payments to practices.

6.3 BMA Local – Nil

6.4 LMC Conference – The LMC conference 2014 will be held at the York Barbican, York on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 May.

6.5 Developing General Practice today – Providing healthcare solutions for the future. See LMC website.

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

7.1 The next Nuts and Bolts meeting will take place on 27/02/2013 with Steve Field.

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

8.1 Pharmacy Applications – NHS England, Birmingham, Solihull & The Black Country Area Team received an application for inclusion in the pharmaceutical list at Unit 7 Hainge Park, Hainge Road, Oldbury, B69 2NU in respect of distance selling premises. NHS England has considered and refused this application.

The application for a no significant change relocation to the immediate vicinity of the proposed New Medical centre, Lowndes Road, Stourbridge by Boots UK Limited 141 Bridgenorth Road, Stourbridge, DY8 3NX has been considered and refused by NHS England.

An application for a no significant change relocation toPortway Lifestyle Centre. Newbury Lane, Oldbury B69 1 HE by Portway Healthcare LTD has been received.

8.2 Primary Care Development Committee – Dr Horsburgh attended the last meeting where the PC Incentive Scheme was discussed. Dr Suleman and Dr Johal are to share responsibility for attending meetings.

**9.** **MISCELLANEOUS**

9.1 MTRAC – Nalmefene (Selincro) for the treatment of alcohol dependence is suitable for prescribing in primary care in conjunction with continuous psychosocial support.

Melatonin (Circadin) for the treatment of primary insomnia is suitable for prescribing in primary care.

Perampanel (Fycompa) for the adjunctive treatment of atrial seizure in epilepsy is not suitable for prescribing in primary care.

Zonisamide (Zonegran) monotherapy for partial seizures in epilepsy – prescribing guidance suggests that this drug is only used when first and second-line treatments are ineffective or not tolerated. Initiation and dose stabilisation are the responsibility of the specialist, then GPs prescribe the maintenance therapy.

9.2 Walsall LMC News received.

9.3 South Staffordshire Newsletter received.

9.4 Worcestershire LMC Newsletter received.

9.5 20/20 TV - A documentary on general practice is to be filmed and a volunteer is being sought to take part.

**10. AOB**

10.1 Death of Liz Pope – The funeral is to take place Wednesday 11 December at Claverly. The LMC has written a letter of support to her practice.

NEXT MEETING:Friday 3 January 2014, 12:45pm at Atlantic House, Dudley Rd, Lye, DY9 8EL.

Lunch will be provided.