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**Minutes of the meeting of Trafford Subcommittee, held on January 19th 2011 at
Sam Platts, Trafford Wharf Road, Old Trafford.**

Present:

Executive

Dr R Mene (in chair)
Dr I Maclean

Lesley Gilliespie - PM, Fairview
MP
Christian Booth, PM Bodmin
Road MP

Members:

Dr G Platt
Ms D Darlington- Urmston Group
Practice, rep of Practice
Managers
Dr M Jarvis
Dr Colin Westwood

Apologies

Dr Raymond Wilson
Dr C Marchi
Dr S Musgrave
Mr S Belk
Dr G Patel
Dr N Hyams
Dr K Kuna

Observers:

Sharon Wodward - Trafford PCT
Charlotte Edwards - Trafford PCT
Cathy Cox- Trafford PCT
Brian Wilkins - Local
Pharmaceutical Committee
Andrea Ferguson - Mastercall
Dr David Bostock - Mastercall
Michaela Buck - Mastercall

In attendance

Mrs V Simenoff

PART A

1. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising from them.

These were approved as an accurate record of the meeting held on December 14th which had been a joint meeting between both the Salford subcommittee and the Trafford subcommittee.

2. LMC/PCT

Minutes of the last LMC/PCT meeting held on January 11th were tabled.

Dr Mene advised that at future meetings he would like to have two parts to these meetings: the first part open to all attendees including representatives from other representative bodies, and the second part which is for LMC and PCT only.

- The discussion on the Royal Wedding bank holiday was noted. Michaela Buck from Mastercall was asked to contribute to the discussions relating to cover for practices over this weekend. It was recognised by her, and by Cathy Cox that this would be a Bank Holiday and as such out of normal GP contracted hours. As such practices will be entitled to close. The close proximity of bank holidays and the number of days involved could prove difficult for out of hours services. It was agreed that nearer to the time the LMC will need to remind practices of the necessity of ensuring that patients remember to order their prescriptions early and have adequate medication. Michaela said that a number of patients who had presented to out of hours over the recent Xmas and New year bank holidays had needed repeat medication. Dr Maclean said that he had stayed open later than expected before Xmas to fulfil his patients late requests for scripts.

Michaela was asked if she is able to find if there is a pattern as to which practices had patients who needed this service so that the LMC can work with them

- Cataract referrals

Dr Mene said that the LMC is awaiting a response from the PCT as to whether a patient who attends a non-accredited optician and is referred to an accredited optician would need to pay twice if they are under 65. Cathy Cox said that she will ask the PCT optical advisor and advise the LMC.

Action: Cathy Cox.

- ICATs

The concerns raised by the Urmston Group practice were noticed and Dr Maclean asked that either he or Deborah Darlington be contacted directly.

- Appraisal toolkit funding

Cathy Cox apologised if she had given the LMC misleading information. It had at first appeared that the cost of the toolkit would be £50 per practice. She said that this was wrong and should be £50 per GP – this will include salaried GPs also.

It was noted that GPs do not have to use electronic methods to submit their appraisal – there other methods. The PCT recognised that some GPs may chose to use these methods and therefore not need to pay the £50 to cover PCT costs. PCTs will write to all GPs and ask them to opt in or opt out of the cost and subsequent use of the system.

1. Balanced Scorecard

Dr Jarvis gave an update of the process that will be used by the PCT. He said that he and Dr Kissen had been working on it for some time now with members of the PCT. This is something that the PCT has to produce but that the work has been about making it as useful as possible. He said that he is not expecting the approval of the LMC. He said that there will be an explanatory booklet that goes with the scorecard, and the PCT will try to give a 12 months leeway before it goes into the public domain. This will be to allow time to ensure that all information in it has been validated and is as accurate and up to date as possible.

Dr Jarvis said that he had used national targets and national guidance to set cut off points for the colour coding, which is based on academic figures.

Concern was expressed about the use of Red Amber and Green when red is associated with danger and a practice with red indicators in not necessarily dangerous. Dr Jarvis recognised the LMCs concern but said that the Non Executive Members of the PCT board are keen to keep this colour coding.

Dr Jarvis was thanked for his update.

2. Walk in centre – update

Michaela Buck gave an update to the LMC on the Walk in Centres premises. She said Mastercall now ha a sign up and commitment

regarding premises development which means that they expect to be re-opened in eight weeks. It was suggested to the PCT that it write to all practices to share this information.

Dr Maclean said that his practice, the Urmston Group Practice had been noted as the third highest user of the service by its patients, however since the closure of the service there has been a negligible impact on his surgeries. Cathy Cox said that there had also been a negligible impact on A&E during this time.

Dr Mene asked that Mastercall improve its communication with practices. He said that the withdrawal of coverage for early closing on the Friday of New Year's eve had come as a surprise. Ms Buck said that Mastercall had rung all practices, and had offered Ansaphone cover. She apologised for the withdrawal of this service which had been caused by the unexpectedly large numbers of people using the out of hours service. The service had not been able to cope and had needed to take this action to remain safe. She apologised that there had not been time to consult. Dr Bostock said that there have been extraordinarily busy winters before but this broke all records by 50%.

Mastercall records show that 40% of attendees wanted repeat scripts. The LMC sought information on how this was broken down by practice.

Michaela Buck thanked practices for their support at what had been a very difficult time for the service and also thanked those doctors who had come forward to assist.

3. White paper update

It was noted that the White paper was due to be published the afternoon of the meeting.

4. Flu update

It was noted Boundary House still has some vaccine left to assist practices that have run out

5. Any other business.

a. Midwife

Dr Mene said that he has been in touch with Leila Williams the

Director of the Maternity Network to ask why his midwife will only refer patients to her hospital. If the patient wants to go anywhere else the GP needs to make the referral. Leila Williams said that he did not understand why this was happening as there is no such direction.

- Dr Mene advised that the Histopathology laboratory at Trafford General is closing. This service is moving to south Manchester from 1st February. The only difference practices should notice is that there is a different number to ring to chase up results. Michaela Buck said that South Manchester is refusing to fax results to the Out of hours service as they may be seen by non-clinical staff. Cathy Cox said that she would take this up with the hospital.
- Request for practices to share information on their number of WTE GPs.

Cathy Cox explained that this request is to enable the PCT to complete information on the balanced score-card. Sharon Woodward said that it also allows PCT staff to explain availability of GPs to patients who are making a complaint if the GP is not full time. The Committee noted that Whole Time is equal to nine sessions.

6. Date of next meetings:

February 16th lunchtime, Sam Platts
March 16th lunchtime, Sam Platts
April 13th – lunchtime, Sam Platts
May 18th lunchtime, Sam Platts
June 15th lunchtime, Sam Platts
July 13th lunchtime, Sam Platts
August- usually no meeting
September 14th lunchtime, Sam Platts
October 12th lunchtime, Sam Platts
November 16th lunchtime, Sam Platts
December Monday 12TH evening – joint for all Members of Salford and Trafford sub-committees