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**Minutes of the Trafford Sub-committee
held on Wednesday 18th January at Sam Platts, Old Trafford**

PRESENT:

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Dr R Mene (RM) (Chair)

MEMBERS

Dr C Westwood

Dr K Kuna

Dr C Kelman

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Ms D Darlington (rep Trafford
North PM's)

Mr C Booth (Rep Trafford South
PM's)

Mr A Raja (LPC)

Ms G Lawrence (Director of TCC)

Dr N Guest (Chair TCC)

Ms J Wilmott (Trafford Council)

OBSERVERS

Ms A Ferguson (Mastercall)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs V Simenoff

Mrs K Rowlands

APOLOGIES

Dr I Maclean

Dr H Marsden

Ms C Seddon (PCT)

Ms S Woodward (PCT)

Dr A Freeman

AGENDA - PART A

1. REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

	Subject	Action	Closed Cfwd	Further action	Who
1	New pharmaceutical services. Lack of provision for housebound patients. There should be a domiciliary service	Raise at the LPC meeting 29/11/2011 Update – Discussed with Brian Wilkins domiciliary services are not in the contract and this is unlikely to change until additional funding is found	Closed		

2. NHS 111 – update from Andrew McCorkle

Andrew gave a presentation on the above. Slides of which are attached here for reference.



111 LMC Update.ppt

Discussion then ensued and the concerns raised in previous meetings were noted again. In summary GP's fear that they will lose the ability to triage their patients and control of their appointments. It was also felt that the potential lack of clinical control could generate more in house work for GP's.

Andrew confirmed that advice is a key feature of the service and that response would be scripted or referred to a nurse/GP. He also confirmed that they are engaging Mastercall in the process but cannot guarantee them as the OOH service provider.

It is not clear if the software to support direct appointments is available and Gina Lawrence confirmed that those practices not able to this would not be penalised.

Concern was expressed by Dr Mene that there could be an increase in patient complaints if there is a disparity between the degree of urgency flagged up by the computer software of NHS 111 and the view of the GP practice

The LMC sought representation on the Programme Board from the Association of Greater Manchester LMCs.

Dr Kelman said that the LMC need to see a definitive specification and take concerns to Chris Tower. Dr Guest agreed to take this forward.

Action: Dr Nigel Guest

There is a workshop on January 24th in Preston to look at next steps and improve communication. **Action: email the LMC with names of whom to contact for inclusion in the workshop - Andrew McCorkle**

3. Capacity Management Systems- directory of services (CMS DoS) – update from Andy Baker

Andy Baker did not attend the meeting and this agenda item was incorporated into agenda item 2.

4. LMC/PCT liaison meeting – update

Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th January were circulated and are attached here for reference.



LMC/PCT liaison 10th
January minutes.doc

5. Health and Social Care Bill and changes to NHS Structure - update

BMA GPC (General Practitioner Committee) Commissioning News Issue 2 January 2012 was noted. Attached here again for reference.



Commissioning News
Issue 2 - 10.01.12.pc

6. Trafford Commissioning consortium update

Dr Guest updated the meeting on progress. He said that they were looking at how staff was assigned and what support services staff could be shared. Discussion then ensued about external service providers and loss of control for the CCG's. Dr Kelman summarised the situation by saying the reality was uncertainty. Dr Mene stressed the importance of an LMC representative in an observer capacity on the Commissioning Cluster board. Dr Guest thought that this was a good idea and suggested that the LMC write formally to CCG to request a place. **Action LMC.**

He went on to say that they are in the process of electing the CCG's Council Executive (ie the Board). This will comprise: 6 GPs, 2 Nurses and 2 Practice Managers

The Authorisation process is on track. From 31/3/2012 the Locality board will cease and the CCG will be directly accountable to the cluster

Concern was raised that Commissioning support services will partner in the long run with commercial organisations, and the knowledge and skills of current staff will be lost. This organisation could then be in a monopoly situation and CCGs will have no choice other than to use them. This lack of control of cost could affect their ability to provide services, and make local decisions

7 Winter pressure planning

Money is available from the Department of Health that has to be spent by the second week of February. This money has been divided into three pots :

Gina Lawrence said that they had looked at schemes that they were already working on, and identified those that could be escalated. The timescales are tight and therefore the process behind the schemes is still being developed. These schemes are:

- **Recruitment of Community Geriatricians**

Individuals who work with nursing homes

- **Modern matrons**

Individuals who would support the Geriatricians.

- **Quality improvement team**

A team that would work with Managers to help them interface with GP's etc.

- **GP LES**

Assessment of patients in nursing or residential homes. GP's would receive payment for the visit and also support for Locums to backfill if required.

Gina agreed to send a draft copy of this LES to the LMC before sending out. **Action Gina Lawrence**

- **Purchase of IV therapy in the community**

This will help to identify patients who could stay out of hospital but could increase workloads for GP's. Dr Kelman asked that this additional work should be recognised

- **Primary Care Access**

Monies for increasing access in GP's surgeries. Gina Lawrence that this would not have to be for traditional face to face appointments, but could be telephone etc.

Dr Mene asked what was the costs of implementing these schemes.

Action: Gina Lawrence to confirm

8. Principals for Pharmacy ordering

Dr Mene referred to the document sent out with the Agenda, attached here again for reference. He said that it was in DRAFT form and would be discussed with the LPC. Comments were invited.



Draft principles
pharmacy ordering.doc

AOB

- Dr Mene raised the issue of the number of forms GP's are being asked to complete. He said this was now unacceptable and that he would be raising this with the individual departments concerned.
- Dr Kuna raised the issue of locking up of the building at Seymour Grove and whose responsibility this should be. Gina Lawrence said that a Rota would be introduced so it doesn't fall on the same person.
- The date for the next meeting was discussed as this is half term. Unfortunately it is not possible to move it to the following week (22nd) as Urmston Group practice have a training day scheduled and this would mean absence of 4 members including Dr Maclean who would be chairing the meeting in the absence of Dr Mene. The date therefore remains the same Feb 15th.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday 1 – 2.30pm (lunch 12.30pm) Location Sam Platts, Old Trafford.

Feb 15th

March 14th

April 18th

May 16th

June 20th

July 11th

No meeting in August

Sept 12th

Oct 10th

Nov 14th

AGM Monday Dec 10th evening (7-30 – 9.30pm) Buffet 6.45 pm joint for Salford & Trafford and open to all constituents