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**Minutes of the Salford Sub-committee
held on Monday 16th January 2012 at The Waterside, Monton**

Present:

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Dr Nigel Hyams (Chair)
Dr Girish Patel

MEMBERS

Dr B Williams
Dr A Salim
Dr M Yates
Dr A Ahuja
Dr V Raj

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Fiona Moore (Hundreds Health)
Sue Lightup (Salford City Council)

OBSERVERS

Linda Brown (rep Salford PM's)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs V Simenoff (VS)
Mrs K Rowlands (KR) (minutes)

APOLOGIES

Dr J Walton
V Jairath
Dr B Hope
Dr P Bishop
Dr V Joshi

AGENDA - PART A

1. REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

	Subject	Action	Clsd/ Cfwd	Update/Further action req'd	Who
1	End Of Life LES	Send out DRAFT copy with minutes of the meeting – Done, embedded in Nov minutes.	Clsd		
2	Deflection of patients from PANDA unit to GP's /Concerns re safeguarding issues	LMC to write to practices to ask if any child safeguarding issues had been flagged up with them by A&E. This has now been resolved – action closed	Clsd		

The meeting opened with discussion around the End of Life LES and issues with the existing template for EMIS practices. Steve Burrows has been assigned to resolve the problem however he is only available for 6 months. Discussion then ensued around at what point patient 72 hour reviews should commence. Dr Yates said that it was once the patient had started taking the prescribed drugs, not when the drugs are prescribed. This is what triggers being on the pathway Dr Yates said that only 19 of the 55 practices had signed up to this LES and it was agreed that a joint email from the LMC and Dr Yates as the End of life Lead should be sent out to request support. **Action LMC & MY**

Sue Lightup then joined the meeting and introductions were made.

2. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE BILL AND CHANGES TO NHS STRUCTURE

Debate continues in the House of Lords with the BMA & Royal College protesting. Fiona Moore said Hundreds Health – Salford, Clinical Commissioning Group the Commissioning board continues to work towards the July deadline.

Dr Hyams noted the LMC's previous concerns for Trafford's progress. The LMC has sought information from Mike Burrows on the outcome of the RAG rating for all CCGs in Greater Manchester.

3. GP CONSORTIUM UPDATE

Fiona Moore said that she had noticed that the pace of change had picked up and things were on target for July. She said that 3 Lay posts to the board are being recruited and this will be restricted recruitment from current non executive directors. She said that they already had interested parties. Papers are due out next week detailing the governance

arrangements for the shadow year. There will be approximately 33 posts in the draft interim internal structure. The organisation is still considering what services to “make, share or buy” and has developed the first draft of its internal staffing structure. The process for recruiting a Chief Operating Officer is a National recruitment process. It is expected that the 12/13 constitution will be out for consultation in 2-3 weeks, closing at the end of March 2012.

Sue Lightup then gave an update from a local authority perspective. She said that changes are being made within Public Health. The team are being located in the Civic Centre. A paper is going out to lead members & the council cabinet to outline the next steps in the transition process. PCT retains responsibility for staff until April 2013.

Dr Hyams then talked about the Blue Badge Scheme and queried whether or not assessments were still done by the council. Sue Lightup confirmed that they were. Dr Hyams said that some council staff in other areas were sending patients back to GP's which is obviously incorrect. The cost of the badges had gone up to £10 due to the change of contract.

Sue Lightup confirmed that the council would not be handling complaints about GP's, some had felt the guidance was not clear.

3. CQC UPDATE

Discussion then ensued around Infection control and the money available from the PCT for practices. This money has to be spent by Feb. Some practices have already got quotes or instructed builders to do work and Dr Hyams thought it would be helpful to share supplier names etc. Dr Hyams summarised the situation by saying most premises are fit for purpose and should apply a common sense approach, but should ensure that they keep a record of all changes made to premises, why they are carried out – particularly for clinical areas. **Action: NH to write to practices**

4. LMC/PCT LIAISON

Dr Patel gave a verbal update on the meeting held on the 5th January. Detail of which can be found in the attached GP Commissioning Strategy Development Group meeting minutes which were made available in the meeting and are attached here for reference.



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Dr Hyams expressed concern that once the cluster is established in April, future liaison meetings may stop. These meetings have previously been invaluable and the LMC would very much want to continue the open forum with members of the CCG & council. Fiona Moore suggested this was raised with Richard Freeman to seek transitional funding. **Action LMC**

Dr Hyams went onto talk about the GP Choice Pilot, a scheme that is intended to remove boundaries to make GP's more accessible. Although Richard Freeman has drafted a second letter of interest, and sought the opinion of the LMC before sending it out, there were still elements of the pilot that were unclear. Dr Hyams said that the LMC concerns should be highlighted to the Department of Health. **Action LMC**

5. WARMER HOMES BID

During 2010/11 Salford City Council worked with Salford PCT to develop & launch a pilot process with GP's, funded through a LES. This LES was aimed at identifying vulnerable patients who were at risk from the effects of the cold, damp homes or poor housing.

Dr Hyams noted the paper 'Delivering Affordable Warmth with Salford's General Practitioner Practices' that was included with the Agenda, and asked the meeting for comment.

Dr Williams said that he thought it was a sensible idea but questioned if £4.00 per referral was enough to encourage participation and suggested that perhaps putting up posters in GP surgeries or the use of TV's in practices etc would be a better idea. Sue Lightup said that the payment was just one of a number of approaches that could be used separately or in conjunction with each other..

There was also some discussion on how best to identify these patients and Dr Hyams suggested that the LMC should ask Lower Broughton Health Centre how they achieved 49 referrals, the highest number of any practice in Salford. **Action LMC.** Dr Yates also suggested that the LMC should get clarification on what criteria had been used to assess patient eligibility as the statistics published in the document section(3.4) suggest that only 51% of those referred were successful. **Action LMC**

6. GP CHOICE PILOT

This agenda item was discussed under LMC/PCT Liaison noted above.

7. PRINCIPALS FOR PHARMACY ORDERING – developed by Trafford PCT

Dr Hyams introduced the paper that was sent out with the Agenda for comment. These principles were in Draft form and were aimed at reducing the amount of medication wastage in pharmacies. It suggested ways in which GP's and Pharmacies could make improvements.

Discussion ensued around 'Special' prescriptions and available guidance. Dr Yates felt that guidance was available and said that the LMC should contact Clare Vaughn **Action LMC**.

AOB

Vivienne Simenoff highlighted 'The achievement of 62 day cancer waiting time targets & bowel cancer screening programme' Salford death rates were above national averages and the Greater Manchester cluster is seeking GP assistance in bringing this down. She also up that the 'Clear on Cancer' Department of Health campaign would be starting at the end of January.. Further information can be found at:

http://www.bowelcanceruk.org.uk/media/100977/760_bcuk_gp_a5inserts_27-29_practice.pdf

DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS

Held on a Monday 7.30pm – 9.30pm (Buffet 6.45) at Cromptons at the Waterside, 1 Parrin Lane, Monton, Eccles M30 8AN

Dates

Monday February 13th

Monday March 12th

Monday April 16th

Monday May 14th

Monday June 18th

Monday July 9th

August – No meeting

Monday September 10th

Monday October 8th

Monday November 12th

Monday December 10th