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**Minutes of the Salford Sub-committee
held on Monday 14th January 2013 at The Waterside, Monton**

Present:

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Dr Mhairi Yates (MY)
Dr Girish Patel (GP)

MEMBERS

Dr Paul Bishop (PB)
Dr A Salim (AS)
Dr V B Raj (VR)
Dr A Ahuja (AA)
Dr V Joshi (VJ)
Dr Ben Williams (BW)

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Mr Varun Jairath (VJa)
Jennifer McGovern (JM) (Salford Council)

OBSERVERS

John Hughes (JH) (GPC)
Andrea Simpson (AS)
(representing PM's)

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Dr Jenny Walton
Dr James McGuigan
Lindsey Bowes

AGENDA - PART A

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Mr Jack Sharp, Director of Service Reform at Salford Royal Foundation Trust and Karen Proctor, Salford CCG, gave a presentation on Salford's approach to integrated care for older people. The presentation included how the model had been developed, the top ten priorities and identification of seven improvement measures. Nine GP practices from Eccles, Barton & Winton and five GP practices from Swinton & Pendlebury had been selected to pilot the model which will run from Feb to Dec. Slides from the presentation are attached with these minutes.

1. REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

No	Subject	Action	Who
1	Request by private consultants to prescribe medication on NHS FP10 when seen privately	Action closed Guidance issued by the BMA.	
2	DNACPR policy Marie Busutill had presented the above at the last meeting and members had been asked if they would like to sit on the steering group. Dr Patel (GP) said he could if the meetings were on a Weds morning and Dr Raj (VR) volunteered for the afternoons	Feedback names to Dr Stephanie Gomm to liaise with directly Action closed, names had been feedback and the first meeting had been held.	MY

2. Transition to new structures

There was no one available in the meeting to give a detailed update however Dr Yates (MY) advised members of the following:

- The appointment of a Lay Nurse to the CCG was still ongoing
- CCG continues to develop relationships with the CSU

Vivienne (VS) informed members that the LMC was responding to the PCT and to LaSCA regarding the changes to how practices are reimbursed for expenditure. In the past claims were submitted to the PCT and then the PCT reimbursed the practice. The new proposal is that practices pay for services first, submit the claim and then receive reimbursement from LASCA afterwards. (VS) added that the LMC recognised that this could have huge financial implications for GP practices, with the potential to destabilise some.

3. NHS Salford CCG - Update

Responsibilities between the Local Area Team and the CCG remain unclear. Dr Bishop (PB) informed members that there was still a piece of work to be done to look at who would be managing performance in the future, and concern was raised that if that fell on the CCG, performance could be budgetary driven. The LMC is clear that CCGs do not have a mandate to performance manage practices and that the LMC role is to support CCGs in refusing to do work that should stay within the Local Area Teams remit. It was noted that the association of LMC's were meeting the following week and this subject was on the agenda to be discussed.

4. Council Update

Jennifer McGovern (JW) gave the following update:

Budgets

A range of proposals were being prepared for the next three years . Should there be any impact on service charges this would be discussed with the CCG. Vivienne (VS) added that the LMC should be involved in such discussions if the impact was on GP Practices.

Allocation for Public health funding had been decided and overall it was just short of what was expected. Andrea Simpson (AS) asked how long it was protected for and (JM) agreed to find out **Action (JM)**

Varun Jairath (VJ) asked if the process to submit claims had been identified and when it would be communicated. (VS) said this query applied both to pharmacy and GP's. (JM) agreed to find out **Action (JM)**

Christmas cover

A query had been raised by Dr Girish Patel (GP) regarding the arrangements for social work cover over the Christmas period as he had experienced some difficulty trying to get support for an elderly patient on the 27th Dec. (JM) said that there had been a timetable of arrangements in place and this had been shared with the CCG and Salford Royal. She added that the contact centre was open and that she would forward the telephone number to members for future reference. **Action (JM)**

Health Checks

There had been a query raised regarding the lack of details provided on the health check referral form, generated by the Health Bus. Practices were finding it difficult to scan the forms to patient records as no surname or date of birth had been provided. (JM) informed members that there was a patient identifier on the form (NHS number). Dr Williams (BW) said

that he didn't remember this being the case on the examples he had seen. (JM) agreed to feedback to Janice Lowndes. **Action (JM)**

(BW) added that communication of planned Health Bus visits needed to improve as there had been a surge in demand for appointments at his practice at what was already a busy time.

5. Minor Ailments Scheme (VJ)

This is a scheme funded by the urgent care board and has been running for approximately 16 months. It's aimed at those patients who present at the practice with conditions such as conjunctivitis, teething, nappy rash, and threadworm. Patients are issued with a 'passport' for medications and are able to obtain products from the pharmacy without future visits to their GP. Members vaguely remembered the launch of the service but doubted that it was actively being promoted, which meant that few GPs would be referring patients to it. It was not clear if the programme had been evaluated since its launch – although it was felt that without appropriate promotion of the service it will not be possible to evaluate it appropriately. It was noted that the pilot had been running for 2 years – it was agreed to flag these issues with Elaine Tamkin and to find out if it was planned to continue, and if so for the LMC to email all GP's to remind them of the service. **Action:LMC**

6. Health Bus (BW)

This was covered under Jennifer McGovern's update – Health checks, agenda item 4.

7. LMC/PCT liaison

Dr Yates (MH) informed members that the last meeting had been cancelled and therefore there was nothing to update this month.

8. Licences for diabetic taxi drivers – (suggested scheme as agreed in Manchester)

Guidance suggests that a driver who is diabetic would need to be seen annually by a Consultant Diabetologist. It was recognised that this was not practicable and that Manchester Council had introduced an approach to the regulations. The email sent out with the agenda papers from Manchester, was noted and discussed further in the meeting. It was agreed to try to adopt the same approach with Salford council if possible. **Action LMC to discuss with Salford Council.**

9. NHS 111

(MY) had attended a meeting at NHS 111 offices in Bolton to promote the service. The pilot had received negative feedback and it had been thought that the launch would be delayed as a result. (MY) Informed the meeting that the system will however become available in Salford on March 21st 2013 however the public launch will not be until April 11th to allow the service some time to bed in.

A letter from Elaine Tamkin containing Key facts about NHS 111 was distributed in the meeting and is embedded here for reference.



NHS 111 Letter -
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10. Healthier Together

Dr Bishop informed members that he will be the primary care champion for "Healthier Together" program and therefore declared a conflict of interest for future meetings. This was noted by the LMC.

11. New ways of working

No update.

AOB

None raised in the meeting

DATES FOR 2013 MEETINGS

Held on a Monday 7.15pm – 9.15pm (Buffet 6.45) at Cromptons at the Waterside 1 Parrin Lane Monton, Manchester M30 8AN

Monday Feb 11th
Monday March 11th
Monday April 15th
Monday May 20th
Monday June 10th
Monday July 8th
No meeting
Monday Sept 9th
Monday Oct 14th
Monday Nov 11th
Monday December 9 TH evening JOINT FOR MEMBERS OF BOTH SALFORD AND TRAFFORD SUBCOMMITTEES In Sam Platts, Trafford Wharf Road, Old Trafford, M17 1EX