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**Minutes of the Trafford Sub-committee
held on Wednesday Feb 13th 2013 at Sam Platts, Old Trafford**

PRESENT:

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Dr I Maclean (IM)
Dr C Kelman (CM)

MEMBERS

Dr C Westwood (CW)
Dr J Chandy (JC)
Dr A Freeman (AF)

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Ms G Lawrence (GL) (CCG)
Ms D Darlington (DD) (rep PM's
Trafford north)
C Booth (CB) (rep PM's Trafford
south)

OBSERVERS

Ms M Buck (MB) (Mastercall)
Ms G Lawrence (GL) (CCG)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs V Simenoff
Mrs K Rowlands

APOLOGIES

Dr R Mene (RM)

AGENDA - PART A

1. REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

None from the last meeting

2. Web based special patient notes (AF)

Andrea Ferguson was unable to attend the meeting and therefore Micheala Buck (MB) provided members with the following information. GP's are to have access to Aadastra out of ours system. This would allow GP's to view and manage special notes in real time. Usernames & passwords will be issued to the principle GP. Where a practice required more passwords the request would need to be authorised by the principle GP. Training & a help sheet will be available from Mastercall.

3. Transition to new structures

Gina Lawrence (GL) provided the following update:
Primary Care Team - Rob Bellingham (Director of Commissioning GM LAT, NHSCB) had talked to the CCG on what to expect & clarity is being sought on the contractual arrangements. Although the senior team had been put in place, there were still gaps. The priority was to get FHS up and running by the 1st April. The transition of other services continues. Sharon Woodward is working on an organisational chart but in the meantime if anyone needed to know where a person had moved to they should contact either Gina or Sharon.

(GL) confirmed that FHS in Trafford will move to LASCA before April 1st. Estates are to be located in Trafford at Oakland House and the CCG's senior team were in place.

4. Trafford Commissioning Consortium update

Dr Nigel Guest was not at the meeting and therefore (GL) gave the following update:

Authorisation - The CCG had received no reds and were now waiting to go through National Authorisation. All practices had signed up with the exception of one. Nationally all practices must join a CCG by 31/3/2013, any practices which do not select a CCG to join will be allocated to a CCG.

There had been more clarity on budget although the specialist commissioning element of NCB & Public Health was less clear.

Work was going on to look at joint commissioning with the Borough Council and how best to work together. There was particular focus on ensuring any cuts do not impact on health care.

The Health & Well Being Board (HWB) were in place and operating in shadow form. (GL) confirmed that there is a legal requirement to have an

HWB in place and that they have been tasked with identifying 10 priority areas for the teams to work on.

Dr Maclean (IM) asked if the HWB were responsible for LES's. (GL) said that some enhanced services are commissioned by the CCG. She said that some LES/DES's also come through public Health and are managed through the borough council.

5. LMC/PCT Liaison

Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 12th Feb were not available for the meeting. Dr Maclean noted the following points:

LASCA –Jane Brooks from Salford PCT had spoken to Joanne Camilleri at NHS GM and had agreed that it was possible to continue to reimburse GP rates and water bills direct to LA's for all practices for the time being. She noted that reimbursing through LASCA made the system/process much more time consuming for the PCT and practice staff. The LMC are trying to ensure that this facility is also available for Trafford practices.

NHS 111 – Concern had been expressed in the meeting regarding the process for handling patient calls for those practices that close at 6pm. Where practices have an auto divert facility, calls will automatically divert to Mastercall between 6pm & 6.30pm. After 6.30pm the patient will hear a message asking them to hang up and redial NHS111. There is a concern for the number of phone calls a patient would have to make where a practice does not have auto divert. In these circumstances the patient would be asked to redial Mastercall between 6pm and 6.30pm. After 6.30pm they would be asked to redial NHS 111. This was not felt to be acceptable. (MB) said that practices have two options, either stay open till 6.30pm or set up auto divert. It was agreed in the meeting that this should be communicated to all GP's **Action: LMC**

Sale Registrations

The LMC had suggested a solution to the PCT which they had accepted and were now working with practice to amend their inner & outer boundaries. Inner boundaries, which reflect the areas from which new patients can be registered, are to be reduced in size. Outer boundaries within which current patients will still remain registered are to be expanded. Discussions are being rolled out across Sale and so far there had been some progress.

At this point clarity was sought in the Care Home pilot that was running south of the Borough. (GL) confirmed that it was agreed that a consultant would be put in place for both the North & the South. Dr Harrington was already in place for the North. However UHSM have struggled to recruit

for the South and are now looking at an interim solution. There was a proposal to train a GP to work with Martin Vernon, consultant geriatrician UHSM and take on a GPSI role. St Johns had already expressed an interest in a pilot for their area and therefore a GP from St Johns is going to trial the process working with Dr Vernon. Both initiatives will be evaluated for their effectiveness at reducing admissions.

6. Healthier Together

(GL) confirmed outcome of the consultation on the re-design of services of services at Trafford General Hospital had been referred to the Secretary of State, as raised previously as a possibility. Work is going on to establish what this means as well as the financial impact of any delay which could be up to three months.

With regards to Healthier Together as a whole, (GL) said an away day had been planned to look at the high level strategy.

7. Medical examiners workshop

Dr Kelman (CK) and Vivienne Simenoff (VS) had attended a workshop to discuss the development of the medical examiners service – this is a service that would relate to all deaths not referred to the Coroner – initially this service was due to begin in April 2014, but this may now be delayed until October 2014. Until the Medical Examiner, or someone who deputises for them, has reviewed the patient medical records and spoken to the patient's family a death certificate will not be issued. There will be a charge for this service – this could mean the Local Authority would be tasked with pursuing payment from bereaved families. The LMC will continue to work with the local authority to ensure the outcome is a sensible one. (MB) asked if Mastercall could be included in future workshops and asked for a contact. (VS) said she would pass on a contact name **Action VS**

AOB

Interpreter services. (DD) had learnt from a PCT away-day that the budget for this service had been cut from 80k to 30k and she was concerned of the impact this might have on practices. (GL) responded by saying that other ways of delivery this service were being looked at such as telephone rather than face to face. She added that nothing will be changed until all aspects were fully understood. (GL) also added that the CCG will ensure that practices get the same level of service as they do now.

Repeat/acute prescriptions - a patient had been discharged from Trafford General Hospital to a nursing home out of the area. The patient's

new surgery had said that they would only be responsible for acute prescriptions. It was felt that if a practice had been contracted to look after a patient that they should provide a full medical service. *Action: LMC to look at guidance*

1-2.30pm, preceded by lunch from 12.30pm. Held at Sam Platts, Trafford Wharf Road, Old Trafford M17 1EX
Weds March 13th
Weds April 17th
Weds May 22nd
Weds June 12th
Weds July 10th
No meetings
Weds Sept 11th
Weds Oct 16th
Weds Nov 13th
Monday December 9 TH evening JOINT FOR ALL MEMBERS OF BOTH SALFORD AND TRAFFORD COMMITTEES

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS