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**Minutes of the Trafford Sub-committee
held on Wednesday 14th March at Sam Platts, Old Trafford**

PRESENT:

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Dr R Mene (RM) (Chair)
DR I Maclean (IM)

MEMBERS

Dr C Kelman (CK)
Dr A Freeman (AF)
Dr H Marsden (HM)
Dr C Westwood (CW)

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Mr C Booth (CB) (representing
PM's Trafford South)
Ms D Darlington (DD)
(representing PM's Trafford North)
Ms S Sutton (SS) (Trafford PCT)
Ms S Woodward (SW) (Trafford
PCT)
Mr D Hanley (DH) (Trafford
Council)

OBSERVERS

Dr M Jarvis (MJ)
Dr R S Sumra (RS)
Ms C Valchero (VC)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs V Simenoff
Mrs K Rowlands

APOLOGIES

Gina Lawrence
Dr Nigel Guest
Andrea Ferguson

AGENDA - PART A

1. Review of actions from last meeting

There were no actions arising from the last meeting held on Weds 15th Feb 2012.

2. LMC/PCT liaison meeting

Draft minutes from the meeting held March 13th were distributed in the meeting and are attached here again for reference



LMC liaison 13th
march minutes.doc

Dr Mene summarised the following key points:

Oxygen Assessment Service Form – now an electronic form to be shared with the LMC

Changes to PCT Functions A letter has been sent out to Primary Care staff by Julie Higgins (NHSGM executive Director of Commissioning Development) describing proposals for an interim management structure from 1st April 2012.

EPS roll out – EMIS WEB due shortly and Dr Mene 's practice is due to go live over the next couple of months. There are still two pharmacies that still do not have the technology to support this, once of which is Boots.

Repeat prescriptions – The final draft 'Principles for pharmacies ordering prescriptions from GP practices' was circulated in the meeting and approval sought. There were no objections.

Trafford General Hospital – There had been some speculation surrounding the future service. Dr Mene confirmed that there will be a consultation process before anything is agreed. It was noted that there will be presentation given to the LMC at the May meeting

Insulin Passport –

Dr Mene said that this proposal has been around for the last 10 years and sought LMC support, which was given

Blue Bag service – Notice has been served from Trafford Provider Services who want to increase the cost from £12k to £35k. Other options are being looked at. SW said that the LMC will be consulted.

OOH – contract is due to end shortly, negotiations are continuing.

0844 numbers – Dr Mene urged members to review their contracts and where they were coming to an end, look at whether or not they were worth renewing.

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

The document 'Key issues the Development of CCG' sent out with the agenda papers were noted. No questions were raised.

4. Trafford Commissioning consortium update

Dr Mene congratulated the new CCG appointments that have been made and passed on his commiserations to those that were unsuccessful. He said that Dr Colin Kelman had accepted a position on the CCG as an observer representing the LMC.

Some concern was raised surrounding the ballot process and the lateness of papers being received. Dr Mene questioned the choice of provider for the process (Electoral Reform Commission) and the cost as the overall experience had not been a good one. It was suggested that the LMC seek a FOI request from the PCT to determine how much this process had cost. **Action – RM**

Sue Sutton said that the accountability agreement had been signed with NHS Gtr Mcr and the shadow CCG will be in place 1/4/2012. Julie Higgins will be responsible for Primary Care from this date. Guidance is expected end March beginning of April surrounding the 6 authorisation domains. Sue Sutton said that authorisation can take place any time up to April 2013, and Greater Manchester NHS is aiming for earlier than that.

5. QOF

Dr Mene reminded the meeting that there will be changes next year and to keep an eye on the BMA website for updates.

[QOF guidance available on the BMA website](#)

6. Developing the Healthcare Workforce

Dr Mene referred to the statement made by Graham Wallis in his Managing Director report to the Board of the PCT in which he outlined a new approach to education and training, attached here for reference.



Liberating the NHS
Developing the health

There are two central components to the new system:

- Health Education England (HEE)
- Local Education training boards (LETB's)

The Department of Health will set the education and training outcomes for the system as a whole, securing the resources necessary and continuing to set the regulatory policy framework. It will hold the HEE board to account for delivery of its strategic objectives.

The LMC expressed concern that they have not had contact with these proposed structures locally.

The Committee praised Dr Liz Clarke for the work she has done in establishing and running the regular education sessions which have proved both useful and popular.

7 Shared Cared Monitoring Group

A meeting between Mental Health, CDT & the PCT was held several weeks ago. This group is looking at Tramadol dependency as its usage has grown.. Dr Mene said reasons behind this were being looked at and further updates will be given in future meetings.

8. European money available to develop healthcare facility in Old Trafford

Alison Kenyon, has been tasked by the Trafford Housing Trust to find healthcare related tenants for a project funded by European money in Old Trafford. The Housing Trust is looking at a development to provide housing, retail and a healthcare centre. Access to the money is short term, and members were reminded that decisions need to be made quickly. Dr Sumra expressed an interest and will respond to Alison directly.

Concern was expressed that the PCT had shown such little support for the idea of developing new premises in an area of such poor quality premises. Sue Sutton said that she was aware of a conversation between Alison and the PCT but was unaware of the detail. She said she would look into it.

9. Leases for PCT owned premises

The PCT are looking at ensuring that all GPs who are tenants of their premises have watertight contracts before PCT premises are handed over to the new company that will own and run them nationally. Trafford PCT has agreed to fund the cost of practices using George Davis, as this is likely to reduce their legal costs.

10. Practice Boundary changes

Practice contract changes will be implemented to allow practices to establish an inner & outer boundary. This will allow patients registered with the practice who move a short distance away to remain on the practice

list. This was due to be implemented from the 1st April 2012, but regulations have not been agreed with GPC.

On the issue of the GP Choice pilot that is being undertaken in Trafford Sue Sutton said the PCT is aware that it will be caught between two of the pilot areas (Salford and Manchester) and this could cause confusion for patients. It was noted that the PCT in line with all other PCTs nationally will need to establish a system of seeing patients who choose to register with a practice that is part of the pilot, but is a Trafford resident who takes ill at home. The PCT is working with Gtr Mcr to understand the potential issues.

AOB

Deborah Darlington said the extended hours LES runs up to the 31/3 and asked if it was likely to remain the same thereafter. Sharon Woodward said she would check and feedback **Action SW**

Dr Kelman raised continuing concern with payment for enhanced services. Deborah said Flu payments and minor surgery seem to be a particular problem. Vivienne asked for specific details to be emailed to her **Action CK**

Dr Mene announced Dr Hyams resignation as LMC Chair and thanked him on behalf of the LMC and its members for all his dedication and hard work over the years. He said that an election will be held for his seat on the Salford Committee and any interested parties should let the LMC know.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

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

April 18th

May 16th

June 20th

July 11th

No meeting in August

Sept 12th

Oct 10th

Nov 14th

Monday Dec 10th evening (7-30 – 9.30pm) Buffet 6.45 pm joint for Salford & Trafford.