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**Minutes of the Trafford Sub-committee
held on Wednesday April 13th at Sam Platts.**

Present:

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Dr R Mene (Chair)
Dr I Maclean

MEMBERS

Dr Colin Westwood
Dr Kitty Kuna
Dr Clive Aiton
Deborah Darlington – PM Urmston
Group Practice
Christian Booth PM Bodmin Road

Observers

Ms Sharon Woodward - Trafford PCT

Ms Sue Sutton - Trafford PCT
Gina Lawrence Pathfinder Trafford
GP Commissioning Consortium Lead
Ms Andrea Ferguson Mastercall

APOLOGIES

Dr Nigel Hyams
Mrs V Simenoff
Dr Girish Patel
Dr Nigel Guest
Ann Higgins (Social Services)

AGENDA - PART A

Part A

Dr Mene welcomed Sue Sutton to her first LMC meeting and thanked every one for attending.

1. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held March 16th were agreed as true and correct.

2. Matters arising

Walk in Centre update.

The builders have now started work at Trafford General Hospital. The expectation is; that the work will take 6 weeks from the start date of 11.4.11. Dr Mene raised the fact that there had been an issue on local radio about the 2 Salford walk in centres closing at the end of the month to save money. Gina was asked for assurances about Trafford walk in centre. Gina said that at the moment the centre was not at risk and arrangements were being put in place for more close working between TGH A&E and the centre. George Kissen is leading on this. It is expected that the remit will not change in the immediate future. Dr Mene asked that if there were problems a committee should be set up to include the LMC representation. Gina welcomed LMC input. PCT to keep LMC updated.

EUR update.

The PCT has received several letters from GPs across Trafford – there were 5 main areas of concern. These were passed back to the CEC on 12.4.11 and new wording was agreed by the CEC. Information expected to be out to GPs in the very near future. Dr Mene re iterated that the guidance should not put clinical decision making at risk.

Commissioning Consortia.

Dr Mene attended a seminar last week. The consortia will need to hold elections as the PBC arrangements will not be able to be carried over.

Gina said that the Department of Health had issued new very detailed guidance stating that the consortia should run in shadow form for up to a year. There is now also continuous assessment for the shadow board.

The LMC offered to conduct the elections in order to ensure transparency and no conflict of interest.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes of the last LMC/PCT meeting

EP and weekly dosettes – the following points were raised about the draft 7 day prescriptions policy.

4.4 Explicit patient consent for Pharmacist and GP to share information should be put onto appendix C

4.5.3 requires whole new prescription when a medication is changed – who will bear the costs of this?

4.6.5 Pharmacist delivers the dosette the day before the old one runs out to ensure continuity of supply so never sees old dosette therefore, not able to

assess compliance. If patient out the drivers sometimes put the trays through the door. Pharmacist does not always speak to patient before orders scripts.

4.7.1 specifications on non compliance should be stated so not dependent upon pharmacist's point of view.

General point date of tray delivery and date of prescriptions should correlate so easier to sort out what has been delivered and what needs to be changed.

No appendix E – presumably it is D

ICATS -The ICATs letter has been modified to 2 pages but it is not certain if this has been actioned yet.

29.4.11 - Mastercall will be providing cover at PCT expense for the Royal Wedding Bank Holiday.

PCT Clustering - The arrangements for clustering of the 10 PCTs across Greater Manchester are forging ahead. Dr Mike Burrows will be the Chief Executive (Dr Mene to write on behalf of LMC with congratulations), Professor Eileen Fairhurst will be the Chair. Interviews for the Finance and commissioning directors will be held in the next 2 weeks. The new arrangement will be in place on 1.6.11 at which point the boards will be disbanded. The pause on the White Paper has no effect on the above process.

Various members of the strategic Health Authority have obtained jobs on the national health commissioning board.

Drugs LES - Chester Road Surgery is piloting the new LES and there are a few teething problems. The CDT information is not available to Practices. The CDT do not read code anything. The CDT will write to Practices every 6 months to provide them with the patient information required. Jaime Lewin is working with the CDT team to try and facilitate the process. Feedback about the claim form – onerous and time consuming to complete – this has already been noted, George Kissen had asked Sharon Woodward to address this.

Extended Hours LES - The LMC advises Practices to look at the financial arrangements very carefully to ensure they are not losing money by providing this. It is up to individual Practices to decide whether to offer the service.

Sue Sutton said the PCT would be offering the DES through a LES – everything in the DES would be in the LES including extras to ensure that the service provides value for money.

Practices who have half day closing will not be allowed to offer extended hours (this was agreed by the LMC). The LES will include the need to make up Bank Holidays. Dr Mene said the LMC would take legal advice on that

matter. Gina said that the PCT would expect Practices to continue with current arrangements until the new DES has been issued and that the new DES would take effect from 1.5.11.

Patient Participation DES - Dr Mene said that he thought the DES was a potential minefield and that Practices should think through very carefully what they were going to do and how. Some Practices will be excluded because they have no website – which is a requirement of the DES. It is not permissible to use the NHS Choices website. Some Practices that already have patient participation groups will have to start again because their groups are not sufficiently inclusive.

Ambulance Booking Service - The ambulance booking arrangements cause significant difficulties for Practices. The LMC national forum feedback was that this should be commissioned as a LES. NWAS has unilaterally set about changing its booking system with no consultation. However, the PCT is now involved and Caroline Bell is leading on this. From 31.5.11 there will be a new system in place and the PCT is currently considering that the RBMS will take responsibility. There will be one phone number accessible to Practices and patients. Leaflets will be produced for both Practices and patients. The PCT is planning to pilot the new arrangements in shadow form with a small number of Practices from the 1st May.

C&B LES payments - Sue Sutton is looking at this.

4. White paper update

Dr Mene sends out information at regular intervals he suggests Practices keep copies on a PC.

5. Trafford commissioning consortium

See above

6. GMS contract update and DESs 2011-2012

See above

7. Royal Wedding Bank holiday

See above

8. Drug user LES

See above

9. Ambulance booking

See above

10. Any other business

There was no any other business

11. Date of next meetings:

May 18th lunchtime, Sam Platts
June 15th lunchtime, Sam Platts
July 13th lunchtime, Sam Platts
August- usually no meeting
September 14th lunchtime, Sam Platts
October 12th lunchtime, Sam Platts
November 16th lunchtime, Sam Platts
December Monday 12TH evening – joint for all Members of Salford
and Trafford sub-committees