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**Minutes of the Salford Sub-committee
held on Monday April 11th at Novotel, Worsley.**

Present:

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Dr Nigel Hyams (Chair)
Dr Girish Patel (Treasurer)

MEMBERS

Dr Dr Ahuja
Dr Raj
Dr Bishop
Dr Salim
Dr Joshi
Mr Frazer Meadowcroft

Observers

Mr Varun Jairath (LPC rep)
Ms Fiona Moore

APOLOGIES

Dr Mene
Mr Alan Campbell
Mr Ben Atkins (LDC)
Mr Alan Miller (LOC)
Mrs V Simenoff
Ms Lindsey Bowes

AGENDA - PART A

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Clare Kelly and Melanie Hartley – Safeguarding children – exploring ways of increasing GP involvement.

This was a long interactive discussion exploring ways of increasing GP attendance at initial case conferences and increasing the amount of GP reports sent in to these conferences.

There are hotspots across Salford where there are much more children with a protection plan. In the 11 months following the critical Ofsted report on Salford Children's Services dept, there has been a big increase in the number of children with a plan.

GPs' struggle to attend case conferences due to the lateness of invitations, poor timing of conferences (often on Monday morning during busy surgeries) and lack of information worth sharing.

Social worker could contact a GP immediately following a decision to convene an initial case conference. Dr Hyams suggested GPs are told about all children at level 3 so their notes can be highlighted in a way to help GPs' be aware of underlying concerns.

GPs in Salford currently do not charge to attend these conferences. This is an act of goodwill.

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, AND MATTERS ARISING

Fiona Moore was present at last meeting in March 2011.

A & E deflections not affected any LMC GPs' yet.

PCT will look to be offering out new extended hours DES to all practices soon

2. THE WHITE PAPER, AND DEVELOPMENTS ARISING FROM IT

Fiona Moore gave a brief update on the current state regarding NHS reforms and the current "pause". She attended a recent HSJ conference in London where it was stated most changes would go ahead as planned. In terms of local matters, the constitution for Hundreds Health will be ready soon. The consortium is currently scoping what functions will come to the Consortium. By October, a management structure should be pulled together.

3. DES AND QOF GUIDANCE

This information has already gone out. Richard Freeman has requested to meet with Fiona and Nigel in order to ensure no duplication of payments with the PBC incentive scheme and the new QOF requirements.

4. MINUTES OF THE SALFORD PRIMARY CARE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT GROUP

The new 111 number was discussed. It was decided that it would be unwise to allow this service to directly book GP appointments.

5. OUT OF HOURS SPECIFICATION

Concerns were raised about the quality of some of the GPs' working in Salford out of hours service. Dr Bishop raised concerns about poor history taking with PMSH and allergy history often missing. Fiona Moore suggested sending off a SUI form every time a GP had a concern about the out of hours service.

6. ROYAL WEDDING – 29TH APRIL 2011.

Royal Wedding is a bank holiday so no need to pay extra for out of hours cover that day.

7. PATIENT TRANSPORT FOR SCHEDULED CARE

Booking ambulance transport for patients was discussed. It was decided that this was not a GP role

8. ANSAPHONE MESSAGES

Practice out of hours answerphone messages was discussed. Feedback would be given to Richard Freeman. It would be useful to see if NHS Direct had managed to deflect a significant number of patients from attending A and E or GP surgeries. If NHS Direct had not succeeded in this measure, then perhaps the telephone number for NHS Direct should be removed from GP answerphone messages.

**NEXT MEETING – NOVOTEL, WORSLEY BROW. 7.30PM, MONDAY MAY 16TH – NOVOTEL PRECEDED BY A BUFFET FROM 6.45PM, AND AFTER THAT:
MONDAY JUNE 13TH – NOVOTEL
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH – NOVOTEL
MONDAY OCTOBER 10TH – NOVOTEL
MONDAY NOVEMBER 14TH – NOVOTEL
MONDAY DECEMBER 12TH – SAM PLATTS**