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**Minutes of the Salford Sub-committee  
held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at The Waterside, Monton**

**Present:**

**EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

Dr Mhairi Yates (MY)  
Dr Jenny Walton (JW)  
Dr Girish Patel (GP)

**MEMBERS**

Dr James McGuigan (JM)  
Dr Amba Ahuja (AA)  
Dr Ben Williams (BW)  
Dr VB Raj (VR)

**CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

Alan Campbell (AC) (CCG)  
Mr Varun Jairath (VJa) (LPC)  
Dave Clemmett (DC) Salford  
Council

**OBSERVERS**

Dr J Hughes (JH) Chair of Assoc  
Gtr Mcr & GPC rep  
R Bellingham (RB) Director of  
Commissioning Gtr Mcr Area  
Team

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**APOLOGIES**

**AGENDA - PART A**

**SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

1. Rob Bellingham, Director of Commissioning, Greater Manchester Area Team, NHS England gave a short presentation on developments in primary care. The presentation included a list of the Directorates roles

and responsibilities. What's included in the scope of the Directorate the emerging work to maintain and improve quality and a brief update on Healthier together.

Following the presentation the points below were raised:

It was felt that the Healthier Together website actively promoted planned increased access to GP Practices to the public by suggesting it was a 'done deal' and linking them to the MEN article. This was not the case as no agreement had been reached.

There was also access to the Strategic vision document which talks about what is wanted in healthcare but does not outline a plan or mention the difficulties that will be faced. The LMC said this was unrealistic and was raising public expectations. (RB) responded by thanking the LMC for the feedback and highlighting the need to work together as the model moved forward. He recognised that at the moment new concepts were being applied to an existing model and this was causing concern. He stressed that it was not about spreading current capacity but about 'broadening' and 'growing' primary care. He said that how that could happen is still to be worked out.

The LMC raised the issue of premises, and how money will be freed up to fund GP premises going forward. (RB) said that there is still work to be done to understand how this will fit in with the new system and that they are keen to engage with NHS Prop Co. He added they need to understand where the priority areas are within Gtr Mr.

A comment was made that aside from the financial aspects, more staff were required. (RB) responded by saying it was not about stretching existing resource/finance etc but about 'developing a plan' that considered all aspects and making sure it was deliverable. He added that if the provision was being moved then the workforce should move with it. He gave an example: delivery of chemo services in primary care settings.

The LMC raised concerns with the promotion of longer opening hours for General Practice in Healthier Together (suggested as 8am – 10pm 7 days a week) and the negative impact that this publicity has had on GP's. (RB) recognised the comments and said that it was his personal priority to keep dialogue going. It was agreed to establish a link/forum with the LMC for future discussions. **Action LMC**

The recent issues over **NHS111** roll out were discussed and recognised, Practices were encouraged to complete Health Profession Feedback forms as a priority.

**Blue bag service** – The LMC noted the difficulties that had been caused and how the change had been imposed. (RB) said that work was being done to understand exactly what went wrong and gave assurances that if anything else was proposed a full consultation would take place.

The LMC noted that LASCA are charging for things that used to go in the courier bags such as note folders, prescription packs etc and questioned why. (RB) agreed to look into the issue. **Action (RB)**

2. Dr John Hughes (GPC) attended the meeting and gave the following update:

Healthier Together – uncertainty remains as to how the vision will be achieved.

NHS111 – The GPC had highlighted concerns previously but the launch still went ahead. An increased number of calls were being blamed for some of the problems however number of calls were as predicted. Lack of resource appears to have been a main factor. Fewer staff were available than agreed. The terms of the contract were being reviewed with a possible breach being considered. An external consultancy from, Deloitte, are doing an investigation and are due to report back this week.

Payments from Shared business services – Technical issues with the NHAIS / ISFE payment process had resulted in a delay to the payments expected by some Practitioners and Opticians on Monday 15 April. However it was noted in the meeting that Salford should not be affected by this issue.

### **1. Declaration of Interest**

Dr Mhairi Yates (MY) asked if anyone had a potential conflict of interest and explained this would be standard item on the agenda from now on. No-one in the meeting declared a conflict.

## 2. Review of actions from the last meeting

| No | Subject   | Action   | Who        |
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| 1  | Referral for Audiology Services   | Forward guidelines to the LMC so that they can be circulated.<br><b>Update: Done. Circulated in the meeting. Action now closed.</b><br><br><b>It was agreed that to ensure that there is no view of bias that Specsavers should also be invited to present o the LMC. Action</b> | Pat Clough |
| 2  | Future liaison with Area Teams. Request for future representation at sub comm. meetings | Alan Campbell (AC) agreed to enquire.<br><b>Action carried forward. LMC to contact RB secretary to set up regular meetings/forum</b>   | (AC)       |
| 3  | Declaration of interest policy. Meeting not quorate                                     | Re-send policy and ask for agreement to adapt for Sal & Traff LMC.<br><b>Update: Done. Agreement gained. Action now closed.</b>  | LMC        |

## 3. Courier Bags

Item covered under special business.

## 4. NHS Salford CCG - Update

Alan Campbell (AC), Chief Operating Officer Salford CCG, handed out advance copies of a document outlining who is in the CCG. He added that a separate communication would be going out with contact information shortly. He went on to give the following update:

- Priorities for allocation of funding were being discussed.
- 63 staff are in place – 18 of which are clinicians
- Commissioning Support Unit (CSU) are working with the CCG to understand how best to support them. The new system has got off to a good start.
- Public Health staff have moved over to the council and the transition appears to have gone well.
- A meeting has been planned to discuss coding issues at Bolton Hospital and the result of an investigation.

Dr Girish Patel (GP) said that there are continuing issues with discharge letters and asked if this could also be discussed. (AC) confirmed that this was already on the agenda.

## 5. Council Update

Dave Clemmett gave the following update:

- Welcome to the staff that had moved over to public health.
- Social funding – special payments now going to the council.
- Work continues to meet the savings target of £2.4 million
- Learning difficulties/disability services in Salford are top for accessing ordinary services. Proving reasonable adjustments have been made.

## 6. NHS 111

This item had already been discussed under special business.

## 7. Healthier Together

Dr Mhairi Yates (NY) advised members that she had attended the Healthier Together – Primary Care Summit on the 13<sup>th</sup> March. She asked (AC) what the official response from the CCG was. (AC) replied by saying that the CCG recognises that primary care needs to change. He added that there needs to be tangible evidence and funding available to make the vision happen.

(MY) expressed concern over the unilateral GP contract this has to create.

## AOB

Salford Royal discharge summaries. (MY) questioned what had been done if anything to contact those patients affected and explain what had happened. (AC) said that the CCG had escalated the issue with Chris Brookes who was very apologetic. 1500 discharge summaries across 3 months had been affected and each of these had been reviewed resulting in 40 patients being recalled. North England NHS commissioning board was aware of the issue as it will be subject to review under CQC... However it was not clear if anything had been done to explain to all patients what had happened. (AC) agreed to take this up with Chris Brookes. **Action (AC)**

**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**

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| Monday May 20th  |
| Monday June 10th   |
| Monday July 8th  |
| No meeting   |
| Monday Sept 9th  |
| Monday Oct 14th  |
| Monday Nov 11th  |
| Monday December 9 <sup>TH</sup> evening<br>JOINT FOR MEMBERS OF BOTH SALFORD AND TRAFFORD SUBCOMMITTEES<br>In Sam Platts, Trafford Wharf Road, Old Trafford, M17 1EX |