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**Minutes of the Salford Sub-committee
held on Monday May 16th at Novotel, Worsley.**

Present:

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Dr Nigel Hyams (Chair)
Dr Girish Patel

MEMBERS

Dr A Ahuja
Dr Ben Williams
Dr Jenny Walton

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Vivienne Simenoff
Mrs Kerrie Rowlands (minutes)

OBSERVERS

Mr Varun Jairath (LPC rep)
Ms Lindsey Bowes (head of
Primary Care Salford PCT)
Dr N Chandratre (GP registrar)
Dr J Woolley (GP registrar)
Ms Andrea Simpson (Practice
Mgr)

APOLOGIES

Dr Brian Hope
Dr Paul Bishop
Dr VJoshi

AGENDA - PART A

SPECIAL BUSINESS: Jason Mackay – Salford Community Nurses

Jason gave a brief presentation on the service offered by Children's Community services (CCN) They provide acute care within the community and support children with chronic needs. Jason requested that GP's refer those children whose condition is at risk of deteriorating or not improving. The aim is to avoid re-attendance at GP practices or PANDA unit. Referrals need to be made by 4pm if a visit is required that day. NH asked if the referral form could be put on the system. JM

confirmed will look into this. NH asked that the fax number of the service be added to the referral form and that Dawn Lowe be asked to add this document to GP systems. LB agreed to talk to her and arrange this.

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, AND MATTERS ARISING

Out of Hours specification

NH asked if there had been any response from Mike Smith regarding his presentation. VS confirmed that she had spoken with him and that he will present information on the new contract as soon as he is in a position to do so. LB said that the new contract has to take the form of APMS contract.

Patient transport

NH confirmed that he had spoken to Karen Proctor and made clear the need to discuss an exit strategy from the current system where GPs book the first ambulance. NH said that he has had received information on the new system in Trafford which he has passed on to Karen Proctor. This uses the RBMS. Again it was re-iterated that this is not part of a GP's role.

Answer phone messages

AS confirmed that an email has gone out recommending that practices change their messages. She said that if a practice is using the NEG system this could incur a cost.

2. THE WHITE PAPER, AND DEVELOPMENTS ARISING FROM IT

On hold for the moment however NH said that where things work we should continue to move forward for now. JW raised concerns over terminology i.e. Consortium clusters, Gtr Mcr clusters. LB agreed to raise with Fiona.

3. EXTENDED HOURS

The Extended hours DES has been sent out by the PCT. Director of Finance has identified further funding. The proposal GP access LES and proposal for grants for Primary care services, were discussed at this point. These were welcomed by the LMC.

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

GP Access Project

LB confirmed that GP Access Facilitators are being sent out to help practices. They will assist in assessing capacity and demand to ensure peak periods are covered. It was noted that there is a typing error in the proposed GP Access LES regarding payment to the Extended Hours DES which pays practices £2.90 per patient. This should read **£1.90** per patient.

Child health Surveillance

LB confirmed that in future any training for child health surveillance will be charged and that the proposed fee is for £25 per attendance per GP. NH then talked about various solutions such as focus groups, certification in practices, individuals training others. He said that he, Dr Patel, Dr Stedman, Barbara Jackson and Mrs Simenoff had met the week before to discuss GP and practice staff education now that there is no budget. The outcome had been that further work was needed to explore what Greater Manchester wide funding may be available. LMC felt it was inappropriate for them to arrange education but they are happy to have input.

Salford Care Homes Practice update

This practice has now been transferred to Salford Royal. LB said that there is a need to re-visit the KPI's as they are no longer appropriate. NH asked LB to find out more information if possible.

Patient Participation DES

Practices need to sign up by 30th June. GP commented that there was no information on this and this was cause for concern. LB said that it is still being reviewed but noted the concern.

At this point AS pointed out that the practices in Pendlebury Health centre had not paid service charges for a year as they are being disputed with the PCT. Unfortunately the practices have not had any response from the Estates department and action was required urgently. LMC agreed to raise the issue and requested that AS forward info to VS

Horizon centre

AS advised that this is being reviewed and that currently the practice is being caretaken by Dr Jeremy Tankel

Homeless LES

LB advised that this is under review.

5 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ACT

A document entitled "Health and social Care Act 2008 – are you compliant?" dated April 2011 was noted and discussed. The section "Clinical equipment and surfaces which are used by patients should be cleaned between **each** use including blood pressure cuffs, tourniquets, stethoscopes, work surfaces, treatment trolleys and treatment couch and chair surfaces." This was felt to be impractical from a time point of view in general practice.

NH asked for evidence that current general practice protocols have caused any ill health in patients

LB asked if the act was actual Law and if so that would be the argument from the CQC. After further discussion NH suggested that a sensible approach is adopted as far as possible.

On the issue of CQC it was noted that they will be holding a seminar in the Manchester area and that practices have been advised to keep checking their website for further information, AS said that practice managers in Salford are keen to use a series of templates developed by IQ manager to help with the CQC registration. VS has asked the LMC Buying consortium to consider negotiating a special price. NH said that the GPC will be developing these templates which will be free of charge to practices and as such practices are asked not to rush into commercial decisions.

6. BLUE BADGES

NH advised the group that the system has recently changed. He said that he is trying to clarify the new system with Salford Council. He believed that GP's will no longer get paid and that patients coming to see their with the form should be referred back to their local council.

7. AMBULANCE BOOKING

Already covered in Minutes from last meeting - Patient Transport

8. CORONERS FEES FOR REPORTS

Coroners covering Salford and Trafford have recently stopped paying for GP reports. LMC is trying to arrange a meeting with them to discuss.

AOB

DRAFT letter from Peter Jones was noted on 28 day/four seven day scripts. This was felt to be better than the first letter that was sent out although it was agreed that it is still too complicated a system. It also does not address the question of who carries out the DDA assessment. It was agreed to discuss this further when the LMC and LPC meet on May 24th. VJ said that the Manchester system is easier to understand. VJ requested that any suggestions are fed back to Peter Jones.

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