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**Minutes of the Trafford Sub-committee  
held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at Sam Platts, Old Trafford**

**PRESENT:**

**EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

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

**MEMBERS**

Dr C Kelman (CK)  
Dr C Westwood (CW)  
Dr H Marsden (HM)

**CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

Mr A Raja (AR) (LPC)

**OBSERVERS**

Mr C Booth (CB) (representing  
PM's Trafford South)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**APOLOGIES**

Dr K Kuna  
Ms D Darlington  
Dr A Freeman  
Dr S Woodward  
Dr M Jarvis  
Ms G Lawrence  
Ms J Willmott  
Ms S Woodward

## AGENDA - PART A

### 1. REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

	Subject	Action	Closed/ Cfwd	Further action	Who
	Electoral reform Commission - Seek a FOI request from the PCT to determine how much this process had cost	Dr Mene has raised this with Mike Barker and awaits his reply. <b>Update: £1140</b>	Closed		
	Business Continuity/Fuel strike	Let the LMC Know the name of the Resilience Officer Write to the Resilience officer to find out how the process should work <b>Update: No longer an issue</b>	Closed		
	Shared care proposal for oral anti-coagulation	Feedback comments to David Alderson	<b>Cfwd</b>	<b>In discussion with PCT</b>	
	Registering patients in Sale -	Write to practices to advise of potential problems with agreement reached in the past with the PCT about the allocation of patients in this area. Concern was expressed that there may be a view to wait to register patients in a new month once agreed quotas are reached. The LMC concerned that any practices that feels this to be acceptable may be exposed to difficulties with the demise of the PCTs and a new way forward needs to be agreed. <b>Update: PCT met with Sale practices and advise the LMC that the situation is much improved.</b>	<b>Cfwd</b>		

### **2. Health and Social Care Act and changes to NHS Structure - update**

Dr Mene (RM) reminded the meeting that the PCTs in Greater Manchester have formed a cluster to manage risk as they reduce in staff size as they move towards their abolition in 2013. NHS Trafford primary care is now linked to NHS Manchester, and Karen O'Brien, their Associate Director of Commissioning is managing both Manchester and Trafford issues. Concern was expressed how NHS Manchester would ensure the local constituents are engaged and local issues were not lost. Dr Kelman (CK) said that the LMC need to maintain a line of communication with NHS Manchester and suggested that the LMC invite Karen O'Brien to all future meetings. **Action: LMC to write to NHS Manchester to invite Karen O'Brien to future meetings.**

(RM) referred to NHS Greater Manchester QOF policy document which was handed out in the meeting for comment. This process document will

be available to all NHS GM practices across Greater Manchester on the intranet once approval has been gained.

Dr Marsden asked where the future responsibility for Trafford Performers List will be held. (VS) said it will be NHS commissioning board.

### **3. Trafford Commissioning consortium update**

Colin Kelman fed back to the Committee after his attendance at his first CCG Board meeting. He thanked the CCG for making him welcome at Part A of that meeting. He said that he was asked to leave after Part A.

Members asked how minutes of these meetings will be accessible to GPs, and how much of the meeting would be made available to them. The LMC discussed the fact that it expected Part A to be in the public domain, but that Part B of PCT meetings had historically not been made available. Consensus of opinion however was that whilst this was understandable with PCTs, it should not happen with CCGs where GPs are meant to be an intimate and integral part of the organisation. Members felt that if GPs are indeed driving the organisation then they need to be included in the circulation list of both parts of these and other decision making meetings of the organisation. One approach would be to give GPs access to the CCG website where minutes would be posted securely.

Another query which came up related to the CCG constitution. Members were not aware that Trafford CCG has not issued one yet, and sought clarification.

Members also asked for discussions to take place with the CCG to find a method of ensuring in future that there is representation from the CCG at Trafford meetings - to increase the lines of communication between the two organisations.

**Action: LMC to write to Nigel Guest to clarify.**

### **4. LMC/PCT liaison meeting**

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May were handed out in the meeting for reference. (RM) noted the following points:

QOF – Counter Fraud Checks

LMC had selected 2 practices to take part in the random fraud checks. Any practice that had been visited within the last 2 years was exempt from taking part. The two practices selected will not be notified until the end of year process has been completed.

### Interpreter Services

The cost of these services had risen dramatically over the last 6 months. Finance had been tasked with trying to identify specific areas in an attempt to establish reasons.

### Mortuary at MRI

Concerns had been raised by the LMC that once the service moves to Central Manchester Foundation Trust, the service in Trafford will reduce and concerns were raised as to where bodies will be stored. Trafford's coroner is in Stockport and this would create further difficulties if the mortuary was to move site. The consultation is due to be completed by Sept/Oct and therefore the LMC will await the outcome before deciding on any action.

### Blue Bag

The PCT are looking into the costs associated with the Blue Bag service. As these come directly from practices budgets the LMC felt that they should have an input into the decision on who provides this service in the future. (RM) suggested trying to find out what happens in Salford **Action: LMC to look into.**

### CVD LES

Changes in the payments of the CVD LES have meant that practices have had to undertake their own searches which are taking them longer to produce. The PCT are liaising with Louise Rogerson from Trafford PCT to discuss the work involved.

## **5. Clinical waste**

The PCT has changed its stance on demanding payment from practices for the removal of clinical waste and has agreed to reimburse /pay with 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012. The LMC had raised this as an issue as the Premises Directions 2004 stated that the PCT had responsibility to pay these invoices. After discussions between the LMC and the PCT, the original decision was overturned. There has not yet been agreement from the PCT to ensure that any practices that have already paid their invoices will be reimbursed by the PCT, and any monies already deducted are repaid. Christian Booth agreed to email all his practice manager colleagues and remind them to check their practice accounts and also to copy in any correspondence on this issue to VS. The Executive felt strongly that this is an issue that needs to be rectified.

### **Action: Christian Booth**

## **6. Primary care – Today & Tomorrow**

(RM) referred to the document produced by Deloitte 'Primary care: Today & Tomorrow'. The report is the Deloitte UK Centre for Health Solutions report on general practice in primary care. It presents the Centre's views on:

- the current and future role of general practice
- the main challenges faced by the general practice workforce
- a range of evidence based solutions.

He said it was an interesting piece of work and that were some things practices were already doing e.g. telephone triage. He noted in the report the government's intention to introduce a standardised GP contract by 2015 and the new set of challenges this change is likely to bring.

(CK) Said that the ideas presented in the report were not new and that he expected that the clinical commissioning boards would be responsible for driving any change forward.

## **7 Podiatry Referral**

The LMC had been asked to authorise the introduction of a new Podiatry referral form. Members were asked for their comments. Dr Maclean (IM) said that he didn't think that it was necessary to note Ethnicity and that he document needs to be added to GP systems. **Action: LMC to Feedback comments to Jackie Robinson.**

### **AOB**

None

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

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

**June 20th**

**July 11th**

**No meeting in August**

**Sept 12th**

**Oct 10th**

**Nov 14th**

**Monday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> evening (7-30 – 9.30pm) Buffet 6.45 pm joint for Sal & Traff**