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**Minutes of the Trafford Sub-committee
held on Wednesday 22nd May at Sam Platts, Old Trafford**

PRESENT:

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Dr I Maclean (IM)
Dr C Kelman (CK)

MEMBERS

Dr C Westwood (CW)
Dr A Freeman (AF)

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Ms D Darlington (DD) rep PM;s
Trafford north
Mr C Booth (CB) rep Pm's Trafford
South
Dr N Guest (NG) CCG
Mr Asit Raja (AR) LPC

OBSERVERS

Dr R Mene (RM)
Ms A Ferguson (AF) Mastercall
Dr M Jarvis (MJ)
Dr J Berry (JB)

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Dr J Chandy (JC)

AGENDA - PART A

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared

Dr Maclean (IM) opened by welcoming Rob Bellingham to the meeting.

Special Business

Rob Bellingham Director of Commissioning, Greater Manchester Area Team, NHS England is attended the meeting to update the committee on developments in primary care commissioning. Handouts were given out in the meeting. These 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 update the points below were raised.

Healthier together

Dr Guest (NG) confirmed that the Association of CCGs have ownership and funding of Healthier Together and that one CCG Wigan and Central Manchester would take the lead on behalf of the other CCG's.

Performance

Dr Mene (RM) asked if the Area Team were responsible for managing performance. Rob Bellingham replied by saying that it was written in the Health & Social care act that performance management was the responsibility of the Area Team. He added that the CCG had a statutory duty to support the improvement of quality care. He confirmed that the CCG had a pastoral role of information gathering and support and the Area Team had ownership of any action.

Whistle blowing

(RM) asked what the policy on whistle blowing was. Rob Bellingham said that there was a route into NHS England and an opportunity for issues to be raised to the CCG and agreed to forward the relevant contact information. **Action**

Finance issues

(RM) raised concerns with outstanding invoices. Rob Bellingham asked for specific examples to be forwarded to him to investigate.

GP Consumables

The issue of practices having to pay for blood bottles was raised. Rob Bellingham said that work was being done to look at consistency of the process across Greater Manchester but agreed to look into it further.

Action

Dr Nigel Guest added that the CCG would not wish to see Practices increasing their use of community or secondary care services as a bypass for having to purchase consumables, eg blood bottles.

Discussion then ensued around the vision of Healthier Together and the reality of what was deliverable. It was felt that there was a disconnect between what Gtr Mcr believed to be reality and what GPs have the capacity or motivation to deliver. Rob Bellingham responded by saying it was not about stretching existing resource/finance or working harder and longer but about developing a plan that considered all aspects and making sure it was deliverable.

Further comment was made to public expectations and ensuring practices are not forced to implement change because expectation has been set. It was also noted that notifications of retirement had increased and the LMC were concerned that any new working arrangements could be introduced with a reduced workforce.

There was agreement that practices are bought into the philosophy but were concerned with how it could be delivered.

Rob Bellingham concluded by thanking the LMC for the invitation to the meeting and commenting that he was keen to develop the relationship.

1. REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

No	Subject	Action	Who
1	Dr Mene's retirement from the LMC	Invite Dr Mene to the next meeting. Update – done – action closed	LMC
2	Courier bags, concerns re charges for items that were previously free	Gina Lawrence agreed to look into Carry forward	(GL)

2. Trafford Commissioning consortium update

Dr Guest (NG) confirmed that the proposal for a New Health Deal For Trafford was still with the Secretary of State and therefore there was no further update.

(NG) advised members that he had secured a place on the Healthier Together Steering group and would feedback into future LMC sub committee meetings.

A risk profiling DES for patients who are identified as seriously ill or at risk of an emergency hospital admission was being introduced. Practices will have the opportunity to provide this enhanced service by 30th June.

Payment to practices would be 0.74 per registered patients which represents a payment of £5,175 for an average sized GP practice.

(NG) advised members that an opportunity was arising to make two minor amendments to the constitution. It added that there were two slots in a year that allow this and the first was coming up in June. The changes were;

1. Reduce the number of Clinical Directors to three.
2. Change the structure of voting members.

3. Healthier Together

Included in the discussions under special business.

4. GP Consumables

Included in the discussions under special business.

5. NHS 111

Andrea Ferguson (AF) advised members that the front end OOH service in Stockport would continue until March 2014. Trafford had yet to make a final decision although (NG) said that it was likely to do the same

AOB

Asit Raja (AR) advised members that the council had imposed a new Smoking Cessation contract and that it was felt that this was not financially viable. He asked members to flag any instances where patients were having difficulty accessing the service.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

1-2.30pm, preceded by lunch from 12.30pm. Held at Sam Platts, Trafford Wharf Road, Old Trafford M17 1EX
Weds June 12th
Weds July 10th
No meetings
Weds Sept 11th
Weds Oct 16th
Weds Nov 13th
Monday December 9 TH evening JOINT FOR ALL MEMBERS OF BOTH SALFORD AND TRAFFORD COMMITTEES