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**Minutes of the Trafford Sub-committee  
held on Wednesday June 15th at Sam Platts, Old Trafford**

**PRESENT:**

**EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

Dr R Mene (Chair)

**MEMBERS**

Dr K Kuna  
Dr M Jarvis  
Dr R Wilson  
Dr C Westwood  
Mr C Booth (PM Bodmin Rd)  
Ms D Darlington (PM Urmston)

**CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

Mr D Hanley (TMBC)  
Dr N Guest  
Ms S Sutton  
Dr S Musgrave (MD Trafford Gen  
Hosp)

**OBSERVERS**

Ms A Overton

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs V Simenoff  
Mrs K Rowlands (minutes)

**APOLOGIES**

Dr I Maclean  
Dr G Patel  
Dr C Aiton  
Ms A Ferguson

## **PART A**

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Noted above

### **2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes deemed to be correct and will be circulated as final. RM updated the meeting on a proposed process change. In future DRAFT minutes will be circulated shortly after each meeting for comment and sign off by the sub committee members. The FINAL version will be circulated before the next sub committee meeting wherever possible. Actions arising from previous meetings will be reviewed as part of the agenda. It is hoped that this will help to increase productivity of the meeting and allow constituents to read the minutes earlier

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

#### **Coroners report**

Coroners covering Salford and Trafford have recently stopped paying for GP reports as highlighted in last months meeting. RM said that this issue had been raised at the LMC conference held recently and that the GPC were now involved. Until this issue is resolved, further advice can be sought from the LMC where necessary.

#### **Blue Badges**

RM said that where patients approach a practice they should be referred to the Mobility Assessment Office.

#### **Walk in centre**

RM informed the meeting that this was still in progress.

#### **Patient Transport**

This is now being handled by RBMS as noted in last months minutes. The proforma noting patient details and NHS numbers is no longer required by RBMS.

RM said this process has now been picked up by other PCTs and thanked everyone for their input and support. RM queried a new telephone number that had been provided to practices by Caroline Bell of Trafford PCT. It was thought that this is for emergency admissions only.

**ACTION: SS agreed to look into this**

## **QOF**

This is being signed off this Friday and RM reminded practices that they should have received their password from the PCT

### **3. MATTERS ARISING FORM THE LAST LMC/PCT MEETING**

#### **EP and weekly dosettes**

The pilot is up and running. A few technical issues have been identified when using the system with other pharmacies. This is part of a National pilot and therefore the timescales for extending this across the *local* area will be a long time off.

#### **Mastercall**

Following the audit of repeat prescription requests performed by Mastercall, RM said that the highest number of requests occurred at the Stockport Walk in centre rather than Trafford.

On a separate issue, RM advised the meeting that the Local Optical Committee had suggested that opticians deal with minor eye referrals rather than GP's and this will be discussed at next months meeting. **Action**

**RM**

### **5. WHITE PAPER UPDATE**

RM advised the meeting that he felt that in reality little seems to have changed in spite of the "pause" and the report of the NHS Future forum published on Monday. NG felt encouraged that the recommendations from the NHS Future forum report fit in with what Trafford are already doing. He also said that 2013 was still the date in which the PCT's will be dissolved.

RM referred to the attached paper 'Ensuring Transparency & Probity' the main point being to ensure there is no conflict of interest and that systems are in place.

There was a discussion on elections for the board and the use of 1 doctor 1 vote including sessional GP's who are on the Trafford list. This led to discussions on those GPs' who are on the list but no longer working in Trafford. The cause for concern was ensuring that there is a process in place to remove them when they move out of the area. SS said that some PCT's do have a check process and that there are superannuation implications for the PCT, for some of those on the performers list. RM said

that the LMC will get some feedback from other parts of the country to see what they are doing. **Action LMC**

**ACTION: SS & MJ to review the PCT current process**

## **6. TRAFFORD COMMISSIONING CONSORTIUM – UPDATE**

NG gave an update on several areas:

QOF – Quality and Productivity indicators.

PCT and TCC are working together to develop practice guidance for these new indicators. There are three areas which are prescribing, outpatient attendances and emergency admissions.

GPs advised to use the “do not prescribe list” of the Greater Manchester Prescribing group. This lists 12 medications. There will be other areas in the guidance which practices can agree with the PCT, for them to focus on.

Outpatient attendances - the group which is developing the guidance is currently looking at pathways for DVT, cellulitis and rapid response usage.

Emergency admissions – The proposal is for three pathways which are menorrhagia, headache and Dyslexia.

QIPP – PCT/TCC process isn't changing.

£16.5 million savings need to be made. £6-8 million relates to GP behaviour and therefore they will be encouraged to use pathways, reduce referrals etc.

## **7.DESs AND LESs**

.Sue Sutton said that the LMC had written formally to her with regard to component 2 of the choice and booking LES in 2008/9. She said that as the situation currently stands the PCT is unable to pay for this.

## **8.QOF**

In addition to what was said previously on this subject, MJ said that the Trafford Integrated Care Team had identified some money for patient participation pathways before it was disbanded. He said it is hoped to be able to access these monies to assist practices with the patient participation QOF

## **9. BLUE BADGES**

Covered under agenda item 3

## **10. CORONERS REQUESTS**

Covered under agenda item 3

## **11.AMBULANCE BOOKING**

Covered under agenda item 3

## **12. AOB**

SM gave an update on behalf of Trafford General Hospital Trust. He said that bids for the merger had to be in by the end of June and that there were likely to be two bidders. Once those bids are received there will be a process to decide who would be successful will begin. The take over is planned for April 2012. He also confirmed that the process is not open to private bidders.

DH then fed back on several areas he was asked to investigate at last months meeting:

Sick notes – There is an issue with the increasing numbers of requests for letters of support from GP's regarding benefit appeals.. DH was asked to find out if GP's are required to provide them. DH confirmed that where there is an appeal then yes they should. However what to put on them is still unclear. VS suggested that a representative from *the council* work with the LMC to produce guidelines for practices. **Action LMC & DH**

RM questioned the process for Housing. DH said that the claimant receives a medical/occupational visit and if there is a need for further guidance the council would write to the GP directly. However there is no arrangement for fees. MJ asked if GP's provide information without a formal request, ie at the behest of the patient is this considered by or of any assistance to the housing department? DH will look into and feedback **Action DH**

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

July 13<sup>th</sup> lunchtime, Sam Platts

August- usually no meeting

September 14<sup>th</sup> lunchtime, Sam Platts

October 12<sup>th</sup> lunchtime, Sam Platts

November 16<sup>th</sup> lunchtime, Sam Platts

December Monday 12<sup>TH</sup> evening – joint for all Members of Salford and Trafford sub-committees.