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**Minutes of the Salford Sub-committee
held on Monday 10th June 2013 at The Waterside, Monton**

Present:

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

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

MEMBERS

Dr Paul Bishop (PB)
Dr Vijaya Joshi (VJ)

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Mr Alan Campbell (AC) (CCG)
Mrs Sue Lightup (SL) (Salford
council)

OBSERVERS

Mr Frazer Meadowcroft (FM) (rep
PM's)

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Mr Varun Jairath
Dr Ben Williams
Rob Bellingham
Dr James McGuigan

AGENDA - PART A

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared

1. REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

No	Subject	Action	Who
1	Council update – there was a discussion surrounding sharing of information between GP practices and the council. It was unclear if this could be done. (JL) agreed to check this with Jenny McGovern.	Obtain clarity from Jenny McGovern Action Janice Lowndes Carried forward	JL
2	The LMC would like to have a relationship with the Health & Wellbeing board but had felt that when this was raised at the meeting there appeared to be some reluctance to agree to this. (JL) agreed to raise this with Sue Lightup	Janice Lowndes to raise with Sue Lightup Update: Sue Lightup is attending June 10th meeting and will discuss then. See note made under agenda item 3.	JL
3	Clarity Toolkit – practices now have to pay £60 for appraisal information, Lack of communication to practices	LMC to let all practices know the situation. Update – Done, Action closed	LMC
4	GP Consumables – Issue with practices being charged. Dr Bishop (PB) said clarity should be sought on the core contract for pathology services and agreed to raise the issue with Steve Dixon.	Speak to Steve Dixon. Update - done. Steve Dixon has confirmed that provision of blood bottled is included in the pathology contract. Action closed. Alan Campbell agreed to spk to Steve Dixon to agree a process for distribution. The issue of specula was not resolved and the LMC will speak to John Hughes. Action. LMC	PB

Dr Yates (MY) opened the meeting by inviting Sue Lightup to speak first.
See agenda item 3.

2. **NHS Salford CCG - Update**

Alan Campbell (AC) gave the following update:

Healthier Together

This is a large program of work focused on getting the best value for money. Work was being done to rationalise the hospital system which is under enormous strain across GM.

Wigan, Bolton and Salford had worked together to look at introducing a single rosta for surgery.

There remains a strong view that nothing can move into primary care unless the funding and capacity is in place. (AC) confirmed conversations had already taken place with the deanery to try to increase the Medical workforce in Primary Care.

Dr Bishop (PB) added that if primary care doesn't have control there is a risk of patients getting a poorer service. Worse case scenario for Secondary Care reconfiguration would be that the Trusts fail and are unable to meet their statutory obligations.

(MY) asked if the timescales were realistic and (AC) answered by saying it was his belief that the timescale would not be enforced.

Dr Walton (JW) noted a concern that with the introduction of a dividend for primary care, there could be a move away from a National Contract which (AC) confirmed had already been raised.

3. Council Update (SL)

Sue Lightup attended the meeting to update members on the Public Service Reform in Salford. She gave a short presentation which included the following key points:

She said that this work was a continuum of where they have been, but on a bigger scale. Public Sector Reform is the platform for Salford's response to the budget challenges of the council's three year budget strategy.

Salford council were already leading the way on GULF and the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). Restorative Justice, Helping Families and Better Life Chances, Health and Wellbeing governance, Family Poverty Strategy and realising the value of physical assets across the city.

She went on to highlight the key achievements made so far and to outline the over-arching principles for Salford. She said it was about doing different things in different ways and not about doing more of the same.

Salford's planned approach to deliver the reforms and the scale of the challenge was highlighted. More detail can be found in the presentation slides included with the minutes.

Dr Yates (MH) asked Sue Lightup (SL) if she was aware of the apparent reluctance for the Health and Wellbeing Board for the LMC to be represented as raised in Mays sub committee meeting (see review of actions, number 2) (SL) responded by saying that when the request was made through the CCG there was some surprise as it was her belief that this was the first time it had been raised. (MH) said that it was not and that the LMC had twice written and had received no response.

Discussion ensued around other providers being represented on the board and the need for continuing dialogue with Primary Care. Options

were explored such as LMC involvement in the various tasks groups, although this was felt unachievable due to the time commitment involved and attendance at the board meeting as an observer.

(SL) concluded by saying that Primary Care is viewed as a partner and not a provider and expressed her concern that the LMC had not received a response to its correspondence. She said that she would investigate this.

4. Healthier Together

Covered under agenda item 2.

5. NHS health Checks (Paul Bishop)

There had been a variation the LES. Checks for Dementia had been introduced. There was also the introduction for audit C checks for alcohol

Dr Bishop (PB) said that there was to be a better public campaign and that the letter going out to patients was much improved. Comments were made about cassette costs in the past being an issue and members were advised that this cost was taken out for this year as practices could use venapuncture.

It was also noted that the location of the Health Bus had played a part in the success of the program and discussion ensued about getting it right next time.

(PB) asked for the LMC's help in promoting the service and getting the message out to all practices. The LMC asked (PB) to forward the information on Health Checks to them for onward distribution to all GP's.

Action (PB) and the LMC

6. Managing & Improving quality

Dr Bishop (PB) provided the following update based on information that had arisen from a meeting with the Area Team.

This was a national dashboard that had been initiated through the DOH. He said that the Area Team are looking at what triggers a red flag, how practices are assessed, who holds responsibility for a recovery plan and how recovery and support would be funded. It had been agreed that the Area Team would go the CCG in the first instance to investigate.

Unfortunately due to the late hour this update was suspended and the chair asked for the item to be carried over to next month's agenda.

Action LMC

AOB

None raised

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

Monday July 8th
No meeting
Monday Sept 9th
Monday Oct 14th
Monday Nov 11th
Monday December 9 TH evening JOINT FOR MEMBERS OF BOTH SALFORD AND TRAFFORD SUBCOMMITTEES In Sam Platts, Trafford Wharf Road, Old Trafford, M17 1EX