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**Minutes of the Trafford Sub-committee
held on Wednesday 13TH July 2011 at Sam Platts, Old Trafford**

PRESENT:

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

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

MEMBERS

Dr M Jarvis
Dr C Aiton – representing salaried
and sessional GPs
Mr C Booth (CB) – representing
Trafford South practice managers
Dr G Platt (GP)
Dr C Westwood (CW)
Dr R Wilson (RW)
Ms D Darlington (DD)
Representing Trafford North
practice managers

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Mr A Raja (AR) LPC (
Ms S Sutton (SS) -Trafford PCT

OBSERVERS

Dr F Moley (FM)
Dr P Jackson (PJ)
Dr R S Sumra (RS)
Ms M Buck (MB) Mastercall
Ms A Ferguson (AF) Mastercall
Dr M Florin (MF)
Dr H Siddiqi (HS)
Dr A Freeman (AF)

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Dr K Kuna
Mr D Hanley
Ms A Higgins

AGENDA - PART A

1. REVIEW OF ACTIONS

| | Subject | Action from previous meeting | Closed/ Carried forward | Further action/update | Who |
|----|---------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|
| 1 | Minor Eye referrals | Discuss at next meeting (added to Agenda) | Clsd | Added to agenda | |
| 2. | Board Elections | Review what others are doing and feedback | Clsd | No constitution as yet. National timescale is Oct | |
| 3 | Sick Notes/letters | Find out what detail is required | Cfwd | DH absent from meeting. Update next mtng | DH |
| 4 | Sick notes/letters | Work with the council to provide guidelines | Ongoing | | |
| 5 | Sick notes/letters | Investigate whether letters provided by GP's without request are actioned/required | Cfwd | DH absent from meeting. Update next mtng | DH |

2. LMC/PCT Liaison meeting

This meeting is to be held on the 19th of July therefore there are no minutes at this time.

3. White paper and changes to NHS structure

(RM) referred to Appendix A 'Greater Manchester Cluster News' It was noted that three people from Trafford were involved. Terry Atherton, appointed on the board. Mike Barker, communication and engagement and Sue Sutton who is on a short term secondment. There is still some question as to whether or not PCT's will be grouped together although this is not yet clear.

4. Trafford Commissioning consortium

Nigel Guest was absent from the meeting so a detailed update was unavailable. There is no significant change at the moment and practices should continue 'as is' for now.

5. DES/LES

Following the continuing problem with part 2 of the Choice & Book LES and the difficulty the PCT is having paying practices, the LMC has now sought legal advice from the GPC. As a result of that advice the LMC are to negotiate a way forward on their behalf.

In relation to the Access LES It was pointed out that there are two separate parts to the LES, Extended Hours and Patient Participation and that it is possible for practices to do one without the other.

6. QOF-(QP6 – QP11)

(RM) referred to Appendix B, practices must respond to the care pathway development process. The three pathways cannot be the same as those identified for indicator QP11. The QOF guidance/SFE is clear that the pathways to be developed should be new. However where a pathway is part of an existing pilot it would be acceptable.

7. Out of Hours service & repeat prescriptions (Scottish model)

(RM) Referred to Appendix C & D, the Scottish model for provision of Out of Service and Repeat Prescriptions. (MB) informed the meeting that approx 30% of their calls between 8pm – 1am are related to repeat prescriptions. In Scotland pharmacies are able to issue repeat prescriptions in certain circumstances and discussion ensued as to whether elements of that process could be adopted here. It was agreed that the matter should be discussed at the next LMC/ PCT Liaison meeting

Action: Add to Agenda (RM)

8. Minor Eye Referrals

(RM) referred to Appendix G,H & I, information that had come from Croydon Local Optometric Committee. This service has freed up GP's and reduced costs considerably. Therefore it has been shared with LMC's as matter for consideration. (RM) suggested that the proposals are seen by the commissioning teams and (SS) agreed to take this forward. **Action: (SS)**

9. AMBULANCE BOOKING

(RM) asked the meeting if anyone had any feedback as to how this was going. (DD) said that she had found that a few patients were a little

confused however overall the change in process seemed to be going well.

10. **BLUE BADGES**

(RM) reminded the meeting that requests are now handled by the Mobility Assessment Team and there is no requirement for GP involvement. It was noted that this change however could have a significant impact on income for practices.

11. **CORONERS REPORTS**

The issue of how much information to provide on a report and any associated fee is still not resolved. (RM) said that it has been escalated by GPC to the Department of Justice and that we should await a response. It was suggested that practices provide a printout, but also send in an invoice for their time. Members felt that if this is done practices may be able to claim retrospectively once the way forward is clarified. **Action: - LMC to present all GP's with this suggestion.**

12. **AOB**

Reference was made to :

1. Protecting Young People – Responsibilities link http://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/news_consultation/8411.asp

(FM) drew Members attention to paragraphs 65 and 66:

- **65** You should participate in child protection procedures. This may include attending child protection conferences, strategy meetings and case reviews to provide information and give your opinion. You may be able to make a contribution, even if you have no specific concerns: GPs for example are sometimes able to share insights into risks and strengths within a child or young person's family.
- **66** Where meetings are called at short notice or scheduled at inconvenient times, you should still try to attend. Where this is not practicable you should try to find others ways of contributing, for example you could participate by telephone or submit a written report for consideration at the meeting.

She said that she felt this to be unreasonable and overly onerous and asked that anyone else who agreed with her should reply to the consultation in that vein.

2. GPC Negotiator Roadshow – Weds 2/11/11 7 – 9pm (food from 6pm)
Members were advised of this meeting, which brings very good feedback from those GPs who attend. This time it is being held at:

Hough End Centre
Mauldeth Road West
Chorlton
M21 7SX

Any GP who would like to attend should contact Lisa Stevenson at Manchester LMC (who are kindly co-ordinating this event) on:

Tel: 223 8974

Fax: 231 6189

Email: l.stevenson_mlmc@btconnect.com

3. Michaela Buck said that the Walk In Centre is still not open . She said that Mastercall have signed the lease however the Hospital Trust has yet to do so and she believes this is being delayed until the Hospital is able to agree the (unrelated) tariff for A&E with the PCT.

4. Michaela Buck said that NHS 111 will front end Out of Hours calls from 2013 however the result of the first pilot has been poor. She said that the pathway is not a clinically led service and this may generate more work for the practices. She agreed to give a presentation on this subject to the next meeting. **Action (MB)**

(SS) said that she is working with the Greater Manchester work stream around urgent care. She asked to bring this back to the next meeting to tie in with MB's presentation. This was agreed. **Action (SS)**

5. CQC is out to consultation on delaying GP registration until 2013. (RM) said that he was aware that private companies were' approaching GP's to offer assistance with compliancy. He reminded practices that GPC will be issuing guidance free of charge on this subject.

VS said that she had attended a meeting organized by NHS Alliance with a speaker from CQC. When VS had raised the concerns from GPs around premises requirements she had been told that CQC want to know when disproportionate requirements are being put on practices.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

August- no meeting

September 14th lunchtime, Sam Platts

October 5th lunchtime, Sam Platts

November 16th lunchtime, Sam Platts

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