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**Minutes of the Trafford Sub-committee
held on Wednesday 16th July 2014 at Sam Platts, Old Trafford**

PRESENT:

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Dr Iain Maclean (IM)
Dr Colin Kelman (CK)

MEMBERS

Dr Amabell Freeman (AF)
Dr Joe Chandy (JC)
Dr Sally Johnston (SJ)

CO-OPTED MEMBERS & OBSERVERS

Mr Christian Booth (CB) Rep PM's
Trafford South
Mrs Deborah Darlington (DD)rep
Pm's Trafford North
Mr Jason Swift (JS) Trafford CCG
Ms Gina Lawrence (GL)
Dr Graeme Dent (GD)
Ms Alison Overton (AO)

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGIES

Dr Nigel Guest
Ms Andrea Ferguson
Dr Aarya Probhakaran
Ms Diane Eaton

AGENDA - PART A

1. Declaration of interest

None Declared.

2. Approval of last month's minutes

Jason Swift (JS) asked for an addition to the comments made regarding the suggested use of the CCG toolkit under review of actions in June's minutes. He asked the LMC to add the following sentence 'If practices choose not to, the CCG need to understand what is being used. **Action LMC.** No further amendment was suggested and the minutes were approved.

3. Review of actions from the last meeting

There were no actions from the last meeting in June to review.

4. Area Team Update

There was no-one from the Area team at the meeting and therefore no update was available. The LMC informed members that unfortunately no written update had been received.

5. Council Update

Diane Eaton sent her apologies and no update was available.

Members discussed the document 'Trafford Council GP Locally Commissioned Services – Annual Post Payment Verification Audit and Quality visit'. This had been sent to the LMC for discussion prior to September's meeting when the Council will be attending to discuss this system. Members were given time to read through it and comments were invited. ,

Fitness to practice - (DD) referred page 3 Part 2 and the statement 'evidence of the following must be available on the day' This was not members understanding of what had been agreed in the past and should be replaced with 'The lead GP must provide a *declaration* that the following fitness to practice requirements are up to date with the practice'

Frequency of necessary DBS checks were discussed – VS said that she would confirm the situation and report to all practices. **Action: VS**

Alcohol – section 3.3 – evidence that each practitioner has completed satisfactory e-learning training on the subject. There was uncertainty as to

what that actually meant and whether or not it was in the original specification.

CSU team requirements – A desk for 2 people to work from.. It was thought this may be difficult to provide and it was suggested that the statement '*where possible*' should be added to the requirement.

The LMC noted the above comments and agreed to feed them back to the council. **Action LMC**

Members discussed current difficulties that practices are experiencing with regard to Locally Commissioned services from Trafford Council. Discussion of concerns regarding the Council fell into the following categories;

- Poor consultation and communication
- Difficulty with negotiation and items presented too close to deadline
- Payment process that changes
- Payments that are not identifiable
- Practice was told that they were time barred from applying to provide the service when they have already replied
- Practices being told that the LMC has supported a new process, when in fact the LMC had only been informed of, and supported a concept– In the case of the “Hub” practices were subsequently asked to amend their Terms and Conditions without any information what so ever about the system, but told that the LMC supported it.
- Changes to the contract payment terms mid contract
- Reduced funding
- It was noted that practices have considered giving notice from certain services.

Gina Lawrence (GL) suggested that the CCG and the LMC write to Deborah Brownlee, her counterpart at the Council to highlight concerns of practices.. **Action GL & LMC** (GL) added that the CCG have gradually become aware of the issues. She said that future co-commissioning arrangements may include services currently commissioned by the Council

Jason Swift (JS) mentioned the Enhanced Services group and felt this would be the right place to raise these issues. He said that he thought the LMC were members. The LMC would like to be included, but were not aware of this group and asked (JS) to check feedback to the LMC **Action (JS)**

6. Trafford CCG update

Gina Lawrence (GL) provided the following update:

Co-commissioning – Expressions of interest - The CCG had been asked to express their level of interest and have applied for level 4. This would include holding the budget. The CCG now has to demonstrate how they would be able to operate at this level. (VS) Asked if this would include PMS reviews. Gina Lawrence said that this may be included in the package, but the CCG has flagged up that this would present some difficulty to the CCG with the potential for a conflict of interest. The detail of this was being considered.

Healthier Together – the Public consultation has now been launched. This looks at where the Specialist Centres would be. It was proposed to have one specialist centre which would be either Stepping Hill or UHSM and to amalgamate some services. The team looking at this had been given 12wks to finalise the model. (GL) added that Tameside would remain in breach of their licence for another year and Dr Colin Kelman (CK) added that he understood that they had agreed to stop providing some services.

A Challenged Economy – This was a piece of work that had been done to look at how the Trusts, that had breached the terms of their Monitor licence, could become financially viable again. This team had developed the model suggested i.e. closing either Stepping Hill or UHSM.

Waiting lists - (GL) said that Simon Stevens (CE NHS England) had temporarily lifted 18 wk performance targets whilst trusts cleared any backlog. This was proving to be a challenge due to lack of available Consultants, theatres etc. Salford Royal had decided to suspend some services and the CCG had pushed back by saying that was not an option. A letter would be coming out shortly to advise practices.

Jason Swift (JS) gave the following update:

The CCG continued to meet with the localities to look at progressing the Primary Care Strategy. The overall concern in all localities was the resource implication and available funding.

Discussion ensued around Trafford Primary Health (TPH). (VS) Suggested that as practice budgets become more and more squeezed the value of additional income to the practice will increase. She said that she could envisage for example a fully functioning TPH providing Trafford Council Locally commissioned services in a block. Practices working together

would give economies of scale, and the advantage for the Council would be just having to deal with one contract. Members felt that TPH is an excellent idea, but GPs are not taking on the management or progression of the organisation. This was felt to be due to the lack of appetite to get involved because of existing workload pressures. Members felt that TPH needed someone to be recruited full time to move it forward. VS suggested that Gina Lawrence may want to have a conversation with Alan Campbell, Chief operating Officer Salford CCG, which has been helpful in the development of Salix, the Salford provider organisation. The LMC offered to host a joint event with TPH to help promote the risk of GP's not having their own fully functioning provider organisation.

7. Healthier Together/Primary care strategy

Covered as part of agenda item 6 – CCG Update.

AOB

Mastercall - Andrea Ferguson had sent her apologies for the meeting and provided the following written update:

'Our update is just to say busiest week on record mid-June for the WIC and this situation has been escalated to CCG/TGH'

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Trafford Subcommittee – 2014 Meeting dates

1.00-2.30pm, preceded by a buffet from 12.30pm. Held at Sam Platts, Trafford Wharf Road, Old Trafford M17 1EN

- **Wednesday Sept 10th**
- **Wednesday Oct 15th**
- **Wednesday Nov 12th**
- **Monday December 8th evening**
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