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**Minutes of the Trafford Sub-committee  
held on Wednesday 14<sup>TH</sup> Sept 2011 at Sam Platts, Old Trafford**

**PRESENT:**

**EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

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

**MEMBERS**

Mr C Booth (CB) Rep Trafford  
South PM's  
MS D Darlington (DD) Rep Trafford  
North PM's  
Dr C Westwood (CW)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs V Simenoff  
Mrs K Rowlands

**CO-OPTED MEMBERS & OBSERVERS**

Ms A Ferguson (AF) Mastercall  
Ms S Woodward (SW) Trafford PCT  
Mrs C Madden (CM) Trafford PCT  
Mr B Wilkins (BW) LPC  
Mr David Hanley (DH – Trafford  
MBC

**APOLOGIES**

Dr A Raja  
Ms S Sutton  
Dr R Wilson

## AGENDA - PART A

### 1. REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Closed/ Cfwd</b>	<b>Further action</b>	<b>Who</b>
3/ 4	Sick notes/letters. Detail req'd still unclear	(cfwd from last mtng)) Council to provide name of rep who can work with the LMC	Done. Action Closed	Update: The representative from TMBC will Jane Hobson, Head of the Welfare Benefits Team	<b>DH</b>
<b>5</b>	Sick notes/letters – Are letters without request actioned	(cfwd from last mtng) Find out if such instances are considered by or of any assistance to the housing department.	Done. Action Closed	Email received from DH Questions still remaining as to the fee and responsibility. <b>ACTION: Contact Richard Morris directly</b>	<b>LMC</b>
<b>1</b>	Minor eye referrals – Croydon proposals	Put proposals to the commissioning teams	<b>Carried Forward</b>	<b>C/fwd as no feedback from SS</b>	<b>SS</b>
<b>2</b>	Coroners reports – suggestion to invoice and claim retrospectively	Present all GP's with this suggestion	Done. Action Closed		<b>LMC</b>
<b>4</b>	Urgent Care – SS working with the Greater Manchester work stream.	SS to bring this back to the next meeting to tie in with MB's presentation	<b>Carried forward</b>	<b>SS absent in the meeting &amp; therefore action carried forward to next meeting</b>	<b>SS</b>

### 2. SIGN OFF JULY'S MINUTES

July's minutes were approved. These will be posted on the website as Final.

### 3. NHS 111 (PRESENTATION BY MICHAELA BUCK)

Unfortunately Michaela had been called to another meeting and was therefore unable to present. However she had prepared a briefing paper which was handed out by Andrea Ferguson and is included with the minutes of the meeting for reference. (RM) urged the members to read through this document and raise any questions/concerns as soon as possible, preferably before the next meeting. Appendix A 'Rolling out the NHS 111 Service by the Department of Health' was noted.

#### **4. LMC/PCT LIAISON MEETING**

Appendix B 'Trafford PCT/LMC Liaison meeting minutes' were noted. (RM) referred to agenda item 8 – Choose & Book Component 2 and confirmed that advice he had received from the BMA regarding the PCT's decision not to pay practices for component 2 had been forwarded to the PCT. Sue Sutton had however not received this. **Action: (RM) to resend to (SS) and copy (SW).** (RM) asked if the PCT were able to give a timeline as to when a decision could be made. **Action: (SW) to raise with (SS)**

Appendix C 'EPS bulletin' was noted. During May, EPS release 2 was successfully deployed at Davyhulme Medical Centre. It means, among other things, that staff with the appropriate permissions can now send scripts to the adjacent Lloyds pharmacy electronically and that GP's can benefit from bulk signing of prescriptions.

It was felt that GP's may find The Electronic Prescribing Service website a useful resource to answer any questions they may have.

<http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/systemsandservices/eps>

(BW) confirmed that the software is in place in all Lloyds pharmacies however concern was expressed that delays in the implementation of software in GP practices will cause delays.

**Action: LMC to discuss with PCT IT department**

#### **5.HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE BILL AND CHANGES TO NHS STRUCTURE**

(SW) gave an update from the PCT's point of view. She said that the Greater Manchester cluster has been requesting information and the process of transition is moving on. (VS) Asked for information on which PCTs are leading on which workstreams. **Action: (SW) to find out**

(CW) raised an issue with the wording of 'counter fraud checks, random selection of practices' and felt that there should be more emphasis on random selection. As this is a National system it would be difficult to make any changes. CW was reassured that the random counter fraud checks are random, and as such no practice that receives one should feel tainted by the visit.

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## **6. TRAFFORD COMMISSIONING CONSORTIUM**

Nigel Guest was not present at the meeting and therefore unable to give an update. It was noted that there was a meeting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and hopefully a further update could be given at the next meeting.

(RM) advised the meeting that Trafford CCG is undertaking review of all referrals for Dysmenorrhoea, LUTS and Dyspepsia. and that he had received reassurance from Nigel Guest that the data reviewed will be anonymous

## **7 CQC**

RM advised that CQC registration will not happen now until 2013 and he reminded everyone not to spend too much time developing policies or spending income on employing outside companies at this stage, when CQC requirements are still unclear.

## **8.DES/LES'S**

This item was not discussed as Sue Sutton was absent from the meeting

## **9. MUR'S**

(BW) gave an update in the New Medicine Service (NMS) available to patients who are prescribed a new medicine in four therapy areas. These areas are: Asthma and COPD; type 2 diabetes; antiplatelet/anticoagulant therapy and hypertension.

The objectives of the service is to provide advice, assess adherence, identify any problems and identify the patients need for further support This will be split into three stages. Patient engagement, intervention and follow up.

(BW) highlighted the need for GP's & Pharmacists to increase the dialogue on which patients are most suitable to ensure this service works effectively. He also reassured the meeting that service is about compliance and not clinical decisions. Pharmacists will not be asking GP's to change prescriptions.

Further details of MUR's and NMS can be found in Appendix E 'Details of the New Medicine Service and targeted MURS revealed'

## **10. CORONERS LETTERS**

Appendix E , a letter from John Pollard, was noted. Coroners for Greater Manchester have agreed that GP's caring for patients in the community may advise the Out of Hours Service in advance that when a named patient dies they will issue a Medical Certificate of Cause of Death

(MCCD). If the GP has done this then The Out of Hours Doctor attending to diagnose death need not inform the police and the deceased person need not to be taken to the mortuary because there is no necessity for the death to be reported to the coroner.

Accordingly under such circumstances funeral directors may take the deceased person to their premises in the same way as they would in any case not requiring police or Coroner involvement.

It should be emphasized however that where a doctor advises the Out of Hours service that he/she will issue a MCCD he /she must ensure that:-

1. the death is not reportable to the Coroner
2. he/she fulfils the legal requirements to enable the issue of an MCCD, for example that the doctor has seen the patient within the 14days prior to death or will view the deceased after death
3. he/she will be available to issue an MCCD and therefore will not, for example, be on holiday.

Her Majesty's Coroners will take a very serious view indeed of any case where notification is given yet ultimately proves to be impossible to fulfill.

Discussion then ensued as to the definition of 'available' for example could this mean the next day? **Action: LMC to seek further clarity from the Coroners office**

Those present welcomed this change of stance, which had been requested for some time.

### **AOB**

It was suggested that the October meeting was brought forward to the 5<sup>th</sup> as both (RM) and (VS) are not available on the 12<sup>th</sup>. This was agreed in the meeting. **Action: LMC to email all to advise.**

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

- October **5th** lunchtime, Sam Platts
- November 16th lunchtime, Sam Platts
- December Monday 12<sup>TH</sup> evening – joint for all Members of Salford and Trafford sub-committees.

**Members were asked to note dates for the 2012 meetings. Members asked that the time and venue continue ie Wednesday 1 – 2.30 (lunch 12.30) Location Sam Platts**

**Jan 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**

**March 14<sup>th</sup>**

**April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**June 20<sup>th</sup>**

**July 11<sup>th</sup>**

**No meeting in August**

**Sept 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Oct 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Nov 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> evening (7-30 – 9.30pm) Buffet 6.45 pm joint for Sal & Traff**