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**Minutes of the Trafford Sub-committee
held on Wednesday 10 October 2012 at Sam Platts, Old Trafford**

PRESENT:

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Dr R Mene (RM) (Chair)
Dr I Maclean (IM)
Dr C Kelman (CK)

MEMBERS

Dr A Freeman (AF)

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Mr C Booth (CB) (Rep PM's
Trafford South)
Ms D Darlington (Rep PM's
Trafford North)
Ms G Lawrence (GL) (Trafford
CCG)
Dr N Guest (NG) (Trafford CCG)

OBSERVERS

A Ferguson (AF) (Mastercall)
Dr H Suddiqi (HS)
Dr J Chandy (JC)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs K Rowlands (KR) (minutes)

APOLOGIES

Mrs V Simenoff
Ms J Wilmott (Trafford Council)
M Buck (Mastercall)

AGENDA - PART A

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

1. Dr Geraldine Hearn, Cameron Fund Trustee, attended the meeting to inform members about their work and the evolving needs of GPs who are facing financial hardship and in raising sufficient donations to ensure work can be maintained. Her presentation covered who they supported, and the types of financial help they can offer. It also covered how LMC's can help how to set up a charity levy. More information can be found in the presentation included with these minutes.

1. REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

	Subject	Action	Who
1	Triggers for Investigation of practices LMC representation should be included as a neutral observer in the process. Vivienne referred to page 3 point 14. <i>Concerns expressed by CCG's</i> and said that clarity should be sought on what exactly that meant before signing it off	Feedback points raised Carried forward to next meeting	GL

2. Transition to new structures

Practice cash flow 2013

There had been some concern regarding receipt of payments for practices once the PCT is abolished. (DD) flagged up specific instances where payments had not been received at her practice and echoed the concern. (GL) said that they were aware of some of the problems but believe that they have been resolved but if anyone had specific issues to let the PCT know

Performance Management – challenges to practices post 2013

The committee was informed that Trafford remains one of the highest referrers to secondary care and to save money and match the national trend this needed to be reduced. The CCG have suggested that practices reduce their referral rate by increasing the use of CATS service where appropriate which has been paid for up front and is underused . The plans for this were being presented at the learning event being held on 11/10/2012 and the LMC will be kept fully updated.

3. NHS111 – Procurement Process

Andrea Ferguson (AF) provided the following update on behalf of Michela Buck who was unable to attend the meeting.

No mobilisation plans have yet been produced by NHS direct despite requests for meetings There was no mobilisation process and no contact yet received regarding moving matters forward on behalf of the practices.

As of 21/3/2013 staff would be working for NHS Direct however no TUPE arrangement have been disseminated by NHSDirect so far Everything was being done to minimise impact in practices. Andrea Ferguson (Locality Manager) will be visiting all practices looking to minimise the impact on surgeries individually – looking particularly at arrangements for cover and overnight encounters with patients. Mastercall will still be carrying out GP triage, GP appointments and GP visits from their sites in Stockport and Trafford.

Concern had been raised from 365 Health Partnership (group of out of hours providers who tendered for NHS 111 contract) regarding the financial envelope the service was awarded on, and this matter had been raised directly with commissioning departments in writing. Gina Lawrence (GL) reassured the LMC that due diligence has been given to the award of the contract, adding that those assurances have been given to the CCG. Also that there was a window with which to appeal and that no appeal came from 365 Health

4 Trafford Commissioning consortium update

Dr Nigel Guest (NG) gave the following update:

Authorisation

The panel is due to visit on 11th Dec 2012 and all documentation had to be in by 31st Oct. He added that all but two practices had signed up.

360 degree feedback

86% of practices had responded. (NG) thanked the LMC for their support in engaging practices.

Procurement of Community Services

Bidder days will occur next week.

A New Health Deal for Trafford

Consultation process is due to finish at the end of October after which responses will be reviewed.

5. LMC/PCT liaison meeting:

No minutes were available for this meeting so (RM) gave the following update:

Palliative and EOL care LES

This LES is designed to provide the opportunity to enhance skills in palliative & supportive care. It is designed to encourage local practices to implement NICE guidance for Improving Supportive & Palliative Care and the National End of Life Care Strategy. Practices will receive 12p per patient on their list as of April 2012 and they will receive an initial payment of 50% for sign up to the LES by the end of October 2012. Practices will then receive the final 50% if a Q3 return has been received and on the successful addition of the required number of patients and the associated data requirements as demonstrated on the return at the end of Q4 2012-13. This LES will end March 31st 2013. (RM) urged practices to read through the LES and make a decision as to whether or not to sign up.

Practice Waste

A table of clinical waste deductions 09/10 to 11/12 versus Commercial Waste Payments from 06/07 had been produced by the PCT. This table detailed amounts owed to or need to be recovered from a practice. It was noted that some practices had not paid anything for their commercial waste and therefore the use of private contractors was being checked.

Blue Bags

The process to find a service provider continues with various quotes still being reviewed.

6. Bribery Act

The Bribery Act came into force on July 1st 2011 and it has potential consequences for both the public and private sectors. The GPC have to ensure those in commissioning roles are protected and comply with the act and that LMC's are protected too. Therefore there is a need for a policy to be in place. (RM) advised members that the LMC are looking at this and will provide a further update in next months meeting.

7. Feedback from the GP Open meeting on plans to redesign hospital services in Trafford (Dr I Maclean)

(IM) Updated members on the above open meeting held on the evening of Tuesday 2nd of October. He said that those that attended agreed that Integrated Care was the way forward and that the LMC supported the proposals. (RM) sought assurance that any savings made would be re-invested into Primary Care. (NG) explained that the re organisation would sort out the £19m deficit however there would still be areas of overspend which would need to be addressed however once that had happened investment would be made back into primary care.

AOB

BBC panorama programme had featured an item on registration of overseas visitors. This had led to discussion as to whether GP's were obliged to register and provide the full range of GP services to overseas visitors. Guidance from the GPC listserver suggests that GP's have discretion as to whom they accept onto their list, as long as their reasons for not doing so are reasonable, non-discriminatory and consistent. Discussion ensued around guidance provided by Primary Care Commissioning (PCC) and it was agreed that further clarification should be sought. (GL) agreed to raise this with the PCC.

Action (GL)

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

2012 Meeting Dates

held on a Wednesday 1pm – 2.30pm (lunch 12.30pm) Location Sam Platts.

Weds Nov 14th

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

2013 Meeting dates
1-2.30pm, preceded by lunch from 12.30pm. Held at Sam Platts, Trafford Wharf Road, Old Trafford M17 1EX
Weds Jan 16th
Weds Feb 13th
Weds March 13th
Weds April 17th
Weds May 22nd
Weds June 12th
Weds July 10th
No meeting
Weds Sept 11th
Weds Oct 16th
Weds Nov 13th
Monday December 9 th evening JOINT FOR ALL MEMBERS OF BOTH SALFORD AND TRAFFORD COMMITTEES