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**Minutes of the Salford Sub-committee
held on Monday 8th Oct 2012 at The Waterside, Monton**

Present:

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

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

MEMBERS

Dr B Williams (BW)
Dr J McGuigan (JM)
Dr A Saliim (AS)

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Mr V Jairath (VJ)(LPC)
Ms S Lightup (SL)(Council)
Ms L Bowes (LB)(PCT)

OBSERVERS

Frazer Meadowcroft (FM)(rep
PM's)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs K Rowlands (KR) (minutes)

APOLOGIES

Dr A Ahuja
Mrs V Simenoff (VS)
Dr P Bishop
Ms F Moore
Dr V Joshi

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.

2. Stephen Burrows Business Information Analyst - Co-ordinate My Care (ECS) attended the meeting to update members on progress with version 2. His presentation included data that showed the number of patients that had been added to co-ordinate my care by GP systems compared with data taken from SIR which showed little variance. Data was also broken down by cluster. He went on to describe next steps and plans for the future. More information can be found in the presentation slides included with these minutes. Marie Busutil presented on the DNACPR policy and requested primary care representation on the steering group. There were no offers in the meeting however Frazer Meadowcroft (FM) felt that there may be some Practice Managers who would be interested.

1. REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

No	Subject	Action	Who
1	GMS Contract - LMC opinion was sought on the new amendments to the GMS contract.	Carried forward from the last meeting Andrea Simpson said she would read them and get back to the LMC	AS
2	Changes to funding for Assistant Practitioners. Proposal to make it equitable across practices. Confusion around the legal aspects of removing funding that had been in place for 7 yrs.	Carried forward from the last meeting Contact the BMA for advice Update This is on going with the PCT	
3	Joint Strategic Needs Assessment survey	Janice Lowndes is to Send a copy of this survey to the LMC	JL
4	Advanced nurse practitioner concern surrounding funding arrangements for training	Raise concern Update: concerns have been passed to Gtr Mcr – John Hughes	LMC
5.	NHS Greater Manchester. Triggers for investigation of practices Concern re flexibility and understanding of any data used to put forward a case for investigation. Particular concern was noted on page 3 point 14. <i>Concerns expressed by CCG's</i>	Raise concern Update: concerns have been passed to Gtr Mcr – John Hughes	LMC

2. Transition to new structures

- Practice Cash flow 2013

Issues with the delay of payments were discussed and specific areas highlighted such as payment for commissioning work. (LB) said that a new finance system appeared to part of the problem. It was suggested that the issue should be raised with Clare Yarwood Director of Finance **Action: (JW)**

- Performance Mgmt – challenges to practices post 2013

It was understood in the meeting that some aspects will fall under the CCG and it was suggested that this would mainly be the financial aspects however it was noted that there was still a lot of uncertainty. (GP) added that there was a real danger of understaffing and a loss of local knowledge and that the LMC should voice their concerns to Mike Burrows. **Action: LMC**

3. NHS Salford CCG - Update

Fiona Moore (FM) was unable to attend the meeting and had therefore provided a brief up date to Dr Walton(JW) who gave the following update on her behalf:

Preparations are underway for the site visit planned for 17th October 2012. This is an all day event at the end of which the CCG will know if they have gained authorisation and if there are any conditions attached.

Recruitment of the Chief Financial Officer had been delayed however an offer has been made for a lay nurse. 2 of the 5 urgent posts have been filled and the rest will be filled after the consultation ends at the end of October.

4. Council Update

Sue Lightup(SL) gave the following update:

She said that residents of Salford had received a publication from the Mayor in which he was encouraging open debate with the public. The aim was to develop a vision for Salford that the public have been engaged in. She added that a committee had been set up to look at ways of working more co-operatively.

(SL) talked about Community Budgets and how they are a new concept in healthcare finance which may provide much closer working arrangements within health and social care.(MY) suggested inviting presenter from Healthier Together group on this topic to come and speak to the LMC. **Action: LMC to speak to Alex Heritage and invite to a future meeting.**

Ofstead were currently reviewing the Councils Safeguarding inspection arrangements. It was expected that they will be in place for 10 days and may make contact with some GP's.

5. LMC Role with CCG

Dr Yates (MY) & Dr Walton (JW) had been in discussions with Dr Hamish Stedman regarding a role for the LMC on the CCG. Dr Stedman had suggested that the LMC should have a role similar to the public i.e. attend meetings in the public gallery with no input and no voting rights. However this was felt to be unsatisfactory by the LMC. Therefore Dr Stedman had requested that the LMC put forward their proposal to him in writing. Members' comments were invited and discussion ensued. It was noted that there is already LMC representation via Dr Bishop (BW) & Dr Patel (GP) however it was agreed that this was coincidence due to the CCG roles they have adopted and that future representation should be made formal i.e. written into the constitution. Some felt the LMC should have voting rights where others did not.

Members were happy for (JW) to put forward a proposal to Dr Stedman considering the points made in the meeting.

6. LMC/PCT liaison

Minutes of the last meeting were not available for this meeting however (LB) provided the following update:

NHS Health checks

Six practices have not signed up to the scheme and therefore an alternative provider was discussed. Letters will be sent to patients to advise.

GP Choice

22 patients registered, 7 practices signed up to the LES. Registered patients will be seen until Sept 2013 although there will be no new registrations or day patients after 1st April 2013.

GM Transition

Contract stabilization is still ongoing. (LB) requested a reminder for the LMC to contact practices to encourage them to provide contract information. **Action: VS**

QOF

GM group are looking to introduce a single operating model.

Horizon centre

This has now closed 7 patients have re-registered elsewhere with the exception of only 2 who will be picked up by Salford Health Matters when they arrive at the door.

7. Integrated Care Board

This is a program to promote independence for older people. (JW) had attended a workshop to look at the services that are delivered at the moment, what works well and what needs improvement. A follow up is planned for 24th October.

8. 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. (MY) suggested that this item was added to the next LMC Executive agenda for a detailed discussion and update at the next sub committee meeting.

Action: Add to October LMC Executive meeting agenda.

9. RCGP – General practice 2022”

The following link was noted in which the RCGP call for action to agree steps to provide a better care for patients in the face of growing social and economic pressures.

<http://www.rcgp.org.uk/policy/rcgp-policy-areas/general-practice-2022.aspx>

(MY) made reference to page 23 of the document 'Compendium of Evidence' Figure 4: Primary and Secondary Healthcare Costs commissioned by PCTs, 2003–2011.

AOB

(BW) requested LMC support in ideas to redesign the incentive scheme and asked for any ideas to be sent to him.

(MY) informed members that monies had been identified to improve premises for Dr Khan, Dr Ahuja, Dr Hope & Salford Health matters.

(MY) informed members of the Clinical Commissioning workshops 'surviving the Transition Towards Clinical Commissioning' hosted by Pri-Med Educational programmes. The Manchester workshop is on Tuesday 27th Nov 2012 and anyone interested in attending should call 0800 7313927 or visit their website www.pri-medupdates.co.uk/clinicalcommissioning to book a place.

The issue of patients who seek treatment privately and then ask their GP to issue NHS prescriptions to avoid paying for it privately, was raised. It was agreed the process was unclear and should be looked into as a matter of urgency. **Action LMC**

DATES FOR 2012 MEETINGS

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Dates

Monday November 12th

Monday December 10th

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Monday Jan 14 th
Monday Feb 11 th
Monday March 11 th
Monday April 15 th
Monday May 20 th
Monday June 10 th
Monday July 8 th
No meeting
Monday Sept 9 th
Monday Oct 14 th
Monday Nov 11 th
Monday December 9 th evening JOINT FOR MEMBERS OF BOTH SALFORD AND TRAFFORD SUBCOMMITTEES In Sam Platts, Trafford Wharf Road, Old Trafford, M17 1EX