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**Minutes of the Salford & Trafford Sub-committee Annual General Meeting
held on Monday 10th December 2012 Sam Platts Old Trafford**

Ms J Lowndes (Salford Council)

Present:

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Dr M Yates
Dr J Walton
Dr G Patel
Dr R Mene

MEMBERS

Dr Joe Chandy
Dr A Ahuja
Dr V B Raj
Dr A Salim
Dr C Westwood
Dr J McGuigan
Dr C Westwood
Dr V B Raj
Dr B Williams
Dr V Joshi

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Dr C Brookes (Med director
Salford Royal)
Mr C Booth
Mr Varun Jairath (LPC)

OBSERVERS

Ms A Ferguson (Mastercall)
Dr J Amin
Ms L Beder
Dr N Choudhury
Dr B Farroq
Dr N Hyams
Dr M Jarvis
Dr A Khan
Ms S Ravenscroft
Dr M Sultan
Dr A St Rose
Dr K Buch
Dr N Acharekar
Dr D Pole
Ms A Howell
Ms S Kaur
Dr R Sumra

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs V Simenoff (VS)

Mrs K Rowlands (KR) (minutes)

APOLOGIES

Dr I Maclean
Dr C Kelman
Mr A Campbell
Mr A Raja
Ms G Lawrence
Dr N Guest
Ms A Higgins
Ms D Darlington
Dr A Freeman
Dr J Hughes
Dr B Hope
Ms L Bowes
Dr I Maclean
Mr B Squires

AGENDA - PART A

Dr Jenny Walton, Chair with special responsibilities for Salford opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their attendance

1. Conflict of interest

Jonathan Hayden and Ben Troke of Browne Jacobson LLP presented slides on Commissioning, De-Commissioning and Doctor/Patient relationship. Their presentation included examples of conflict of interests for CCG's, how interests should be declared, recorded and managed as well as managing patient expectations and where to find support.

The link to their website is noted below.

www.bjhealthlawyers.com

2. Protecting your practice and the LMC against the Bribery Act

Dr Ravi Mene, Honorary Secretary, with special responsibilities for Trafford, reminded the meeting of the Bribery Act 2010 and guidance issued by the Ministry of Justice. It included what constitutes bribery and how LMC's/GP's could be affected. He added that the LMC had developed a policy and that all practices should be encouraged to do the same.



ST LMC Bribery Act
Policy.doc

3. LMC financial report – ensuring financial viability in difficult times.

Dr Girish Patel, LMC Treasurer gave the following report:

Dr Patel said expenditure had increased significantly over the last financial year. Main contributors had been employment of new staff, LMC Centenary dinner, locum fees, computer expenses as well a CPI payrise for all LMC employees and general committee members (the pay rise had not been repeated for 2012-13). Some of these contributors would be recurrent and would result in an annual running cost deficit of approx £8000.

He added that the statutory levy business account had a large reserve and proposed that this could be used to offset the annual running deficit for the next two to three years. There were no objections in the meeting and therefore this was agreed.

More detail can be found in the LMC Annual 2011/2012 report.

Dr Patel went on to introduce the Christmas Appeal 2012 by the Cameron Fund. This charity is the GP's own charity and solely supports GP's, including those that had retired, and their dependants.

He said that the LMC's contribution at the moment is fixed at £300 per year but noted that other LMC's contributed more. Dr Mene & Dr Yates commented on the good work they do and asked the meeting if this amount should be increased. Dr Jarvis suggested a fixed annual amount of £1000 representing an increase of £700. This was agreed.

6. Q&A with all members of the Executive on the challenges that lie ahead for general practice.

Dr Mene presented slides on the contract imposition in 2013. The NHS mandate sets the objectives for improving health in England which the government expects the NHS Commissioning Board to achieve and has five overarching priorities.

Presentation slides are embedded here for information and more detail.



NHS What's to come
LMC AGM 10 Dec 201

Discussion ensued around the increase on GP workload as a result of the NHS 111 pilot. Dr Yates said 4 out of 5 pilots had showed an increase of GP workload by 20%

Q. Are the LMC being proactive?

A. The LMC is working locally with NHS111 to influence change where they can.

Q. What can GP's do if changes to GP contracts are imposed?

A. Everyone is in a state of shock at the moment and as yet there is no talk of strike action. However any protest would not have to harm patients.

Dr Walton thanked everyone for coming and wished them a Merry Christmas and a Happy, healthy and refreshing New Year

Meeting closed at 9.40pm