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**Minutes of the Salford & Trafford LMC Annual General Meeting
held on Monday 9th Dec 2013 at Sam Platts, Old Trafford**

PRESENT:

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Dr J Walton
Dr G Patel
Dr I Maclean
Dr M Yates
Dr C Kelman

MEMBERS

Dr A Ahuja
Dr J Chandy
Dr V Raj
Dr A Prabhakaran

CO-OPTED MEMBERS & OBSERVERS

Mr C Booth
Ms L Beder
Dr J Berry
Dr K Buch
Ms M Buck
Ms S Butt
Mr A Campbell (Salford CCG)
Ms A Ferguson
Mr D Flinn

Ms V Fowler
Dr N Guest (Trafford CCG)
Dr J Hughes (GPC)
Dr P Jackson
Dr Kaur
Dr H Milligan
Dr M Patel
Dr D Shah
Dr J White
Dr N Hyams
Dr R Clare
Mr J Fitzpatrick (Hempsons)
Ms J Donnison (Hempsons)
Mr P Hardy (Hempsons)
Mr R Clarke (Hempsons)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Vivienne Simenoff
Mrs Kerrie Rowlands (minutes)

APOLOGIES

Ms J Davis
Ms S Ravenscroft
Ms D Regan
Ms S Lightup
Mr R Bellingham
Dr H Gore
Mr V Jairath
Dr P Bishop
Ms D Darlington

| Dr Iain Maclean who is the Joint Chair of the LMC with special responsibilities for Trafford, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their attendance

1. The Challenges out there.. Dr John Hughes GPC rep for Salford Trafford Manchester & Stockport.

Dr Hughes gave an overview of the changes proposed nationally and locally. His presentation included information on the following:

Contract changes
Integrated Care
Premises
CQC
Workforce
Healthier Together
LES/DES and AQP
LMC's

His presentation included reference to the dis-connect between what was being announced to the public and what was actually going on.

He also commented on the relationships with the LMC's. He said that whilst LMC's were maintaining credibility with their constituents they were being sidelined by some areas. He said that this was unacceptable and everyone should be reminded that there was a statutory duty to consult with LMCs.

He ended on a positive note by saying that the Contract for 2014 had improved from that which was originally proposed.

More detail can be found in the presentation slides found here.



The Challenges Out
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2. The Primary Care Strategy of Healthier Together - Dr Jonathan Berry, Primary Care Champion for Healthier Together.

Dr Berry began by saying that he agreed with comments made by Dr Hughes in his presentation. He added that the challenge was to develop the current and future Primary Care workforce to meet the needs of a reformed health & social care system and that he saw it as an opportunity.

His presentation included the case for change, the primary care strategy, progress, implications for the future, OOH standards/rationale, and information on the demonstrator sites.

He concluded by saying that there is a need to respond appropriately and that out of hospital integration has to happen at scale and pace that achieves a health and social care system that is sustainable for the future.

More information can be found in the presentation slides found here:



Primary Care
Strategy for ST LMC.p

3. Local response in Salford to that strategy – Mr Alan Campbell.

Mr Campbell began by giving some background to the legacy that existed. He went on to outline the challenges that Salford CCG were faced with and their proposal for improvements. His presentation included an outline of the model and the scope of work involved.

Mr Campbell made reference to Salix, Salford's provider organisation. He said that Salford CCG were very enthusiastic about the progress being made with and that there will be funding available to assist with start up.

More information can be found in the presentation slides found here:



Developing Primary
Care in Salford - AC.p

4. Local response in Trafford to that strategy – Dr Nigel Guest.

Dr Guest began by reminding everyone that the Healthier Together strategy is owned by the CCG and therefore GPs. He added that Trafford CCG support the primary care strategy however it was recognised that some areas were aspirational and that work still needed to be done to find ways to improve systems and support.

Dr Guest went on to talk about Integrated Care and the work already done. It was recognised that this would release some funding but that wider investment would be required.

He concluded by recognising the importance of good working relationships with LMCs and said that the relationship between Trafford CCG and Salford & Trafford LMC was excellent.

5. “Different times calls for a different approach” GP provider organisations.

Salix

Dr Raj gave a short presentation on Salford's provider organisation.

Salix will offer GPs a method of federated working whilst still maintaining independent contractor status. It will also allow GPs to take advantage of opportunities as GPs will be able to bid for NHS contracts commissioned by local organisations such as the CCG and the council.

The presentation included the rationale for taking action now, the business plan and benefits to patients and practices. More information can be found in the presentation slides found here:



Trafford Primary Health

Dr Berry said that Trafford provider company was already set up and the majority of Trafford GPs are members.

Working together takes many different forms.. Mr Ross Clarke Hempsons Solicitors.

Mr Clarke's presentation outlined the changes to the healthcare landscape and the drivers for coming together collectively in a provider

group. The presentation also covered options available such as informal associations, contractual arrangements, joint ventures or partnerships and the key issues practices would be faced with.

More information can be found here:



PRESENTATION -
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At this point Dr Jenny Walton Joint Chair of the LMC with special responsibilities for Salford introduced members of the LMC Executive team and secretariat as follows:

Dr Jenny Walton
Joint Chair of the LMC with special responsibilities for Salford

Dr Iain Maclean
Joint Chair of the LMC with special responsibilities for Trafford

Dr Mhairi Yates
Joint Honorary Secretary, Salford.

Dr Colin Kelman
Joint Honorary Secretary, Trafford

Dr Girish Patel
Treasurer

Mrs Vivienne Simenoff
Executive Manager

Mrs Kerrie Rowlands
Administrative assistant

The session for Questions & Answers by all speakers and Executives of the LMC was opened.

Q. Was AQP was included in the invitation to join GP Provider Organisations?

A. (Dr Raj) It was not included.

Q. How can we stop incentives for admitting patients to A&E?

Several responses/ideas were given:

- Salford Royal had a flat rate for urgent cases.
- PBR still stands, need to look at new ways to keep patients out of A&E
- Need to become more service led, extended hrs for senior staff
- A&E figures are inflated by walk in centre

Q. Can you explain how money will be released by moving consultants into Primary Care?

A. Whilst the consultants get paid the same the overhead costs will be different.

Q. What can be done to re-invigorate GP enthusiasm?

A. By releasing money into primary care and making GP's life easier. Recognising a job well done, highlighting it. Losing some of the unnecessary hassle e.g mental health, alcohol and drug problems. Working together breaking down traditional structures.

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

Meeting closed at 9.30pm