

Précis of the June 2011 meeting of the Derbyshire LMC

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Derbyshire LMC met on the afternoon of 2nd June 2011 at Santos Higham Farm. Dr John Ashcroft and Dr Rachel Tinker were in the Chair and the following members were present: Drs Bermingham, Crowley, Dils, Enoch, Gale, Gembali, Grenville, Hands, Jordan, Kama, King, Kinsella, Love, Nayak, North, Portnoy, Raj, Ryan, Weston-Smith, Zammit-Maempel & Kate Lawrence and Lisa Soultana. Dr Peter Holden has extended leave of absence whilst on GPC business. Jackie Pendleton, Derbyshire County PCT was in attendance.

SPEAKER

There was no Speaker at this meeting due to a last minute family emergency. To be rescheduled.

MATTERS ARISING

High Peak and Buxton Consortium should be *High Peak Consortium*.

Southern Derbyshire and City Consortium should be *Southern Derbyshire Consortium*.

Training / Education, GP Representative, Deanery Communication

Further to Dr MacLeod's visit to the April LMC meeting and the suggestion that a member act as a regular conduit for information between the two, an LMC member has shown interest, subject to their Partners' agreement.

Dept. of Education

Jackie Pendleton confirmed that she had spoken to key stakeholders at the County Council who assured her that they will be looking at administration of medicines in schools and are looking for an LMC representative. Dr Grenville offered his support and stressed that nothing has change to the guidelines issued in 2005. Children who require regular medicine to be administered in school should have a written care plan usually by a Paediatrician but occasionally by a GP. For other children the responsibility is with the parents to write a care plan and give it to the school. If patients request written input from GPs a charge may be made.

Urgent Care Peer Review

Jackie Pendleton – chased the Strategic Health Authority on two separate occasions without any response.

LMC Levy

It was noted the Levy had not increased for 7 years, item to be held for further discussion when the Treasurer is able to attend.

LMC Re-Mandating

The current Mandate was discussed. Dr Grenville stated that the Mandate was out of date and that the content required updating to capture the successor organisation(s). The re-mandating process is an administrative function only and does not itself result in any increase to costs for practices. It was proposed to ask Practices for their thoughts.

Extended Hours DES

Discussion was brought forward in relation to bank holidays, payment and backfill. Dr Grenville and Jackie Pendleton made it clear that if GP Practices normally provide extended hours on a Saturday and or a Monday and this subsequently falls on a bank holiday, there are three choices:

1. Choose to still offer the extended hours service.
2. Choose an alternative time (to be agreed with the PCT)
3. Choose not to provide the service. In this case GP Practices will forgo their payment on a pro-rata basis. Jackie Pendleton stressed that PCTs are coming under increasing pressure not to vary a DES by

issuing a parallel LES and County PCT hasn't issued an Extended Hours LES for 2011-12, but the PCT is still willing to work with GP Practices that are seeking some flexibility.

PCT CLUSTER

Maggie Boyd has been appointed as the Nursing Director and Dr David Black as the Medical Director. The recruitment and interview process for the remaining Directorship positions are underway.

GP SHADOW COMMISSIONING CONSORTIA

Chief Operating positions have been filled as follows:

North Derbyshire GPCC - Jackie Pendleton

Hardwick - Wendy Sunney

Southern and City - Andy Layzell

Erewash - Rakesh Marwaha

High Peak and Buxton - Sally Adams

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GPOG

- Variations in GP Practices achievement of the seasonal influenza campaign 2011, and that data and information would be going out to all GP Practices in due course. It was raised that community midwives should also take responsibility for their pregnant patients and should support the campaign. Dr Grenville said that if there were evidence of community midwives discouraging women from having flu jabs this should be brought to Maggie Boyd's attention.
- Dr Tony Morkane is to review plans for the Smoking Cessation Service, following the rejection by the Oversight and Scrutiny Committee.
- Mental Health Commissioning Leads were present and reported that the IAPT Service is now looking at data and sharing this with consortia. Some areas are receiving no service and this needs to be addressed.
- PPI – there was a suggestion that GP Practices join the (National Association of Patient Participation (NAPP). Membership costs £25.00 per annum. A few committee members mentioned how good NAPP were in supporting GP Practices. The PCT will be sending out supplementary notes to all GP Practices with common questions and answers
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INR

Jackie Pendleton assured the LMC that the Chesterfield Royal are looking to offer training on the 13th October 2011, for 35 delegates and repeat this 2-3 times a year. Costs are currently unknown but will share it with the committee in due course. It was agreed that if the costs were unreasonable the LMC will look at other providers and pricing structures.

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QES and the prescribing formulary

Dr Grenville had pointed out that the PCT wide formulary was established by the Medicine Managements Team without GP involvement and he expressed concern that the 90% target was unachievable. A comment from the floor stressed that GP Practices receive no payment if they achieved less than 80% and felt that this was unreasonable. Dr Grenville is looking at organising an open meeting to discuss further. Jackie Pendleton mentioned that there was an event on the 29th June 2011, that will discuss the future of medicines management and all key stakeholders are welcome.

CQC

Dr Grenville informed the committee that the GPC has published the CQC toolkit on the BMA website which will support GP Practices and looks very useful:

http://www.bma.org.uk/employmentandcontracts/independent_contractors/cqcregistrationtoolkit.jsp

The CQC has asked the Government for more time but no further details have been issued. Meanwhile the GPC has stressed that GP Practices should not to undertake any significant work towards CQC registration until further guidance is issued hopefully in June 2011. However, the outcomes will not change as these are based on Statute. It is still advisable for a GP Partner (rather than a Practice Manager) to be the Registered Manager as they will have the statutory responsibility to meet the outcomes and may be prosecuted if their GP Practice fails to do so.

It was stated that the LMC is committed to supporting its constituents through the CQC process, whatever its final detail and has already started to do this by organising the Clinical Waste Self Awareness Training for Practice Managers and Practice Nurses.

‘084’ NUMBERS

Dr Grenville raised that a member of the public is campaigning nationally against the ‘084’ numbers. Dr Grenville will email this member of public in response to his campaign and will stress that there are a great number of competing priorities for GP Practices and PCTs.

CLINICAL WASTE SELF AUDIT TRAINING

All GP Practices must do a self audit by the 1st July 2011. The recent Clinical Waste training has helped GP Practices to meet their legal obligations including their duty of care in managing their clinical waste appropriately. The training will also help practices to provide evidence for at least six CQC outcomes. The training has been very well received with over 95% of practices attending, Practice Managers have asked for more of this type of training to help them through the CQC process.

CORRESPONDENCE

The DH are still looking at central purchasing of the seasonal influenza vaccinations – GPC Newsletter.

OFFICE REPORT

Minutes of Team meeting 12th May 2011

The office was keen to modernise the LMC website to fit the needs of GP Practices and their Practice Managers. It had been agreed that this would be done in two stages: Stage 1, in July 2011, the content and format will change and will be managed on a rolling programme. Then stage 2, in April 2012, the office will look at investing further resources into the website but key stakeholder views (GPs and Practice Managers) will be sought.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Urgent Care Resilience Planning meeting to be held on the 17th June 2011 at 09:30 to 12:30, it was agreed that one of the LMC officers attend.
- An issue was raised regarding pressure on GP Practices to prescribe food supplements especially for nursing home patients and asked for guidance from the LMC. Dr Grenville stressed that prescribing should follow the rules laid down by the Advisory Committee on Borderline Substances (ACBS) and that this be included when the website is updated.
- **E-Coli** - a committee member advised that a child patient of his had been admitted to hospital as a possible case. Dr Grenville said this is a new strain of E-coli and that all GPs would need to be alert.
- The Chair mentioned that the LMC Conference is taking place in London next week.