

BARKING AND HAVERING LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES Part Two of the 233rd LMC Meeting held in the Committee room,
Administration Block, St. George's Hospital, Hornchurch, on 01 FEBRUARY 2007
An OPEN Meeting

PRESENT: Dr A Mittal (Chairman)
Dr M Rahman (Treasurer)
Drs J Barbosa, G Barclay, T Bland, V Goriparthi, A Jabbar, J John,
J O'Moore, A N Patel, P Patel, P Prasad, N Rao, S Subramaniam,
I K Sudha
Madhu Pathak (Medical Secretary)
Sue Elliott (Admin. Secretary)
Suzy Iskander (Admin. Asst/IT Support)

Eric Saunderson, Medical Director, B&D PCT
Paul Sinden, Director of Commissioning, B&D PCT
Robert Evans, Associate Medical Director Primary Care, HPCT

OBSERVER: Jemma Gilbert, Ass. Director Primary Care Contracting, B&D PCT

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Hilary Ayerst, Chief Executive, B&D PCT
Ralph McCormack, Chief Executive, HPCT
Simon East, Director of Finance, Performance & Commissioning, HPCT
Drs A Aggarwal (Vice Chairman), Drs H Ahmad, C Claoue, A Deshpande,
S De, B Dixit, J Kakad, R Kalra, S Poolo, G Saini, O M Sanomi,
N P S Teotia

74. **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 04 January 2007 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

75. **MATTERS ARISING**

Communications with BHRT

Yasmin Drabu was asked for dates for bi-monthly meetings. She understood these meetings are about resolving issues to work in partnership and should include operational and clinical people. Yasmin attends a regular Wednesday meeting with associate Medical Directors and monthly meetings with Clinical Directors. She thought either of these could be a good time to include GPs as both these meetings have open, flexible agendas. If another time needs to be scheduled Yasmin was quite happy to look at a fixed lunchtime meeting. Dr Bland asked if any GP could attend these meetings. Yasmin replied that she hoped all GPs had open access to her and can phone her with their issues. It would be more efficient time wise to have a telephone conference to sort things out. Dr Mittal suggested the revival of the idea of regular lunchtime telephone "hot line" to consultants. Dr Mittal said it was his understanding from the last meeting that a small core-working group was needed to discuss bigger issues. It was agreed to put Yasmin's contact details in the LMC Newsletter.

Yasmin stated that BHRT are ringing all practices asking for their specific problems and what telephone numbers they require. If any practice has not had this conversation they should let Yasmin's office know what is required. A booklet is currently being prepared with all contact numbers but in the meantime some of the important numbers GPs require will be put on the BHRT website.

Enhanced Services

Havering - As indicated previously, Havering PCT are in the process of discontinuing the interim arrangements that it has had in place since the introduction of the new contract for a small range of enhanced services. Further details of the changes will be made available to the LMC, detailing where these services could be accessed in future. It was also noted that there are only a limited number of practices still claiming payments against the interim arrangements.

Other matters - Dr Bland raised a query about referrals marked as urgent and the process that is used to assess and forward them from the PCT's CAS. He referred to a particular matter regarding an urgent orthopaedic referral, and agreed to take the matter up in more detail with RLE outside the meeting.

On the matter of maximum waiting times, it was confirmed that the same requirements apply to primary care based services as they do for secondary care providers in respect of maximum waiting times. Some GPs expressed concern that it appeared that increased lengths of wait were being experienced by their patients for some of these primary care based services (although not necessarily outside maximum waiting time targets). RLE advised that this was a situation that the PCT regularly kept under review and he confirmed that additional capacity had already been put in place for some of these services. He further advised that, based on business plans received from PBC clusters, the provision of alternative primary care services across the PCT would materially increase in 2007/08.

Choose and Book

B&D – Paul Sinden stated the PCT has had a third set of indicators from the patient survey. The experience of people in B&D is comparable to that nationally. 37% were offered a choice when referred on to secondary care which correlates with the number of bookings through the system. 27% were offered booklets whilst in the practice. 87% of the 27% were satisfied with what was offered in the practice.

Both PCTs confirmed that any referrals going through CAS are included locally and that would adjust the national figures.

Practice Based Commissioning

B&D – The PCT has put together a framework for 2007 which went to the Steering Group for its first review and will be going back again to the February meeting. The PCT will continue the DES with referral incentives. The PCT are thinking of logistically capturing what practices have done and may send self-certification forms to practices, firstly asking if the practice will sign up to it and then sending a series of actions.

Havering – As part of the PCT's ongoing arrangements with cluster leads, an event will be held next Wednesday for GPs to come along and discuss issues of how we can take PBC further along.

Anti-coagulation Clinic

Havering – Havering has clinics at Harold Hill, Elm Park and Cranham Health Centres and are planning on having one at St George's and another in Hornchurch. Robert Evans will advise GPs when clinics will go live. Patients will be seen and will leave with their medication.

B&D – Eric Saunderson has written to some GPs and does not feel there is now a problem. PCT is happy to pay GPs at level 1 of NES. Eric Saunderson to write to all GPs informing them of this agreement.

District Nurses/Maternity

B&D – District Nurse relocation will be sent to all GPs by Mark Sheppard.

Harold Wood Hospital

Robert Evans stated that as part of both the Fit for Future programme and in terms of HPCT reviewing its future options, the PCT is of the view that a move to Harold Wood, or the continual lease of Harold Wood, will not be pursued. Ralph McCormack has presented options and they will be developed at the St George's site.

76. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Flu Injections

It is hoped that in future charges will be more in line. In B&D the charge is £7.50, which the practice gets. It has been agreed that nursing home nurses do not need to be trained to give these injections. Paul Sinden stated that although they probably do not need training, in B&D they have been offered training. This issue will be taken outside the meeting.

77. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: There being no further business for discussion, the Meeting closed at 3.25 p.m. Members agreed that the next Meeting will take place on 01 March 2007.

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Chairman