

BARKING AND HAVERING LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES Part Two of the 227th LMC Meeting held in the Committee room,
Administration Block, St. George's Hospital, Hornchurch, on 01 JUNE 2006
An OPEN Meeting

PRESENT: Dr A Mittal (Chairman)
Drs A Aggarwal (Vice Chairman)
Dr M Rahman (Treasurer)
Drs, T Bland, A Deshpande, A Jabbar, J Kakad, R Kalra, J O'Moore,
P Patel, S Poolo, P Prasad, G Saini, O M Sanomi
Non-principal: Dr S De,
Co-opted: B Dixit

Madhu Pathak (Medical Secretary)
Sue Elliott (Admin. Secretary)

Ralph McCormack, Chief Executive, HPCT
Hilary Ayerst, Chief Executive, B&D PCT

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Rebecca Scott, Director of Strategy
Eric Saunderson, Joint Medical Director
Robert Evans, Associate Director of Commissioning (Primary Care)
H Ahmad, G Barclay, C Claoue, V Goriparthi, A N Patel, N Rao,
M Roy, S Subramaniam, I Sudha, N P S Teotia

122. MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 04 May 2006 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

110. MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Enhanced Services

B&D – Rebecca Scott stated that the 4 DES have now been agreed in most parts. PBC and Choose and Book are pending agreement with the Steering Group and will be sent out as soon as they have been agreed. No problems are expected.

Choose and Book

B&D - The Chairman stated that DES requirement is that by the end of June 25% of bookings should be on the computer but through lack of training half of the practices have not yet started. Rebecca Scott replied that where there are mitigating circumstances outside practice control the PCT will be flexible. There are one or two things to update on Choose and Book. BHR have two specialities for direct booking, Care of the Elderly and Vascular Surgery. The rest of the specialities are available on indirect booking. Once the service develops the PCT will need a clear and more direct contract with clusters.

Havering - Neil Smillie stated that the PCT now have over half of practices fully on line and have identified a person to help with any issues. Havering is currently in line with the target identified for the year.

Practice Based Commissioning

Havering - Neil Smillie stated that at the last PEC meeting some additions and changes were agreed to the cost arrangements. Budget information has been shared. The PCT will talk individuals through the arrangements.

The Chairman advised a meeting had been held with Lockharts on the 10 May. An excellent talk was given by Emese Duncan and covered all areas, including restructure and legal aspects such as PCT contracts and inter-cluster contracts. Lockharts offered their services to clusters.

QOF Visits

B&D – The PCT had a meeting where the way forward was agreed for the coming year. Last year's achievements were used as this year's aspirations. The Chairman stated that the LMC needs clarification on what the B&D website says. Last year's achievements should also be marked as this year's aspirations although this year achievements are likely to fall short of aspiration (i.e. previous year's achievements) for most practices.

Midwifery Services

The Chairman stated that despite reassurance from Gillian Walton that LMC will be briefed in advance, he has received a communication from the Team Coordinator stating that the services had already started on the 1st May. Dr Kakad stated a letter should go to GPs stating that they should continue with the service as before.

Havering - Ralph McCormack raised the concern that we would be left in the position of not managing the patients' care. The PCT will go to Gillian again and remind her that she had given a commitment at our meeting three months ago and if a reply is not received within a marked time we will escalate this to Mark Reece and in the absence of any proposal on how the service will change we will revert to how the service used to be.

Lift

Havering - Neil Smillie informed Members that GPs and community services have moved into Harold Hill. Community services are in at Hornchurch and a date is

being negotiated with GPs. At Cranham, community services are in, and the PCT is negotiating with GP to move on the 21st June. On Chairman's questioning Neil Smillie advised that the costings should be available to the GP by the end of this week to allow the move as planned.

Dr Jabbar raised the issue of incomplete building work at Harold Hill which was due to be completed within 2 weeks and practices have now been told there is no fixed timetable for when the work would be completed. He was also concerned about lack of parking for practices.

Ralph McCormack reminded the GPs that it was agreed that a parking space would be made available to each practice for the on call doctor and a review would take place at the end of three months. Neil Smillie to chase up the issue of the building work. The general feeling was that any other outstanding issues around it should be taken outside this meeting.

Anti-Coagulation Clinic

B&D - Eric Saunderson stated he is awaiting a response and is hoping to be in a position to give a definitive answer at the next LMC meeting.

The Chairman stated that the service is being commissioned by BHR from September. Dr Jabbar said that at the moment GPs are providing a service they are not supposed to and we must move from this.

District Nurses

This service has been changing with no consultation and practices need proper guidance on district nurse duties and correct information on where they are based. There should be a proper consultation process before any changes are made.

Havering – Neil Smillie stated that where changes have been made it is to deal with gaps in staff at the moment. The PCT has been interviewing for two new district nurses. If a practice requirement is low priority the district nurses are not able to do it at the moment. If examples can be provided to Neil he will follow them up.

111. FIT FOR THE FUTURE

Suzanne Lawrence gave an overview of three possibilities of how Fit for the Future could be progressed. This was initiated because of the dreadful state of BHR's financial position and is outside the scope of anything BHR has ever tackled but should provide better healthcare and see the economy in financial balance. The Chairman thanked Suzanne for the presentation.

113. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

HPCT/LMC Meeting

Dr Pathak asked for the date of the June meeting be changed as both the Chairman and Vice Chairman will be attending the LMC Conference.

- 114. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** There being no further business for discussion, the Meeting closed at 4.00 p.m. Members agreed that the next Meeting will take place on 06 July 2006.

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Chairman

ANY QUERIES OR MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH THE LMC OFFICE