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## The Minutes of the Worcestershire Local Medical Committee Ltd held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.30pm at The Charles Hastings Medical Centre, Worcester.

**PRESENT:** Dr S :Pike, Dr G Farmer, Dr P Bunyan, Dr M Davis, Dr I Haines, Dr K Hollier, Dr F Martin, Dr G Moore, Dr S Morton, Dr S Parkinson, Dr D Pryke, Dr B Fisher, Dr H Ray, Dr J Rayner, Dr C Whyte, Dr L Stepien, Dr R Benney, Helen Garfield, Amy Louvaine, Lisa Siembab

**APOLOGIES:** Dr D Herold, Dr E Penny, Dr J Rankin, Dr H Ray, Dr R Fanous, Dr W Safdar, Dr E Shantsila

### CLOSED MEETING

The Chairman explained to the meeting that this was to be a closed meeting to focus on the Contract Update to be led by Dr Parkinson s our GPC Representative. The Secretary will update on matters arising.

The chairman outlined that the LMC has arranged a GPC Contract Roadshow Event which will be hosted by Dr Richard Vautrey, Chair of GPC, to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 at the Charles Hasting Education Centre which will outline the current position in April and will also include a question and answer session.

**APOLOGIES:** Dr E Penny, Dr W Safdar, Dr Rafik Fanous tbc

The Secretary ran through the actions from the last meeting:-

**CIG Representation** – the Secretary updated that Vice Chairman, Dr Herold has agreed to attend these meetings as the LMC Representative and Dr S Morton has agreed to assume attendance at LWAB. This will ensure we are sited on pathway changes that affect general practice and can have an earlier input into any proposed changes.

**Changes to Acute Trust Referral Pathways** – the Secretary updated that the CCG has copied the Committee into her communications with the Trust on changes to the GCA pathway, this changes has now been stalled for the present time.

**Datix Review Update** – the Secretary updated that there was an article on this in the member Practice Update and the LMC included an article in the last newsletter identifying themes that have been addressed.

**THE CHAIRMAN SIGNED OFF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AS ACCURATE AND CORRECT.**

## **Agenda – Matters Arising**

### **Falsified Medicines Directive**

The Secretary provided an update. There is still no progress on this as yet and she outlined the picture across Europe. The current advice to practices is not to purchase any equipment and as and when this is required this should be funded. The Secretary shared a registration process for practices to evidence that a practice have taken some action towards implementation of the directive. GPC expect a gradual introduction and the UK regulators are not expected to take any action against any practices at present. An update from NHSE is expected soon.

### **Electronical Transfer of Childhood Vaccination Data**

The Secretary updated that there was discussion at a previous meeting on the proposal to change the method of reporting on this with a bulk extraction of data. There was a meeting that LMC colleagues attended and the proposed changes were deemed to be reasonable okay for practices to sign up to, whilst accepting a level of risk. However, it has since transpires that this could lead to greater extractions of data in the future and the legal team from GPC are now looking into this. There will be no data sharing agreement being sent to practices at present and the LMC advice is to do nothing until further notice.

### **Medical Examiners System**

The Secretary updated that this new system will be in operation from April 2019 and will be launched within hospitals initially. Once established in Trusts this will be rolled out to general practice in approximately 2 years. This will be funded by existing fees and the current arrangements will remain until this new system is in place. There will also be a Medical Examiner Officer who will assist the new Examiners.

### **Rejection of 2 week wait**

The Chairman updated on a case he recently experienced with a rejected two week wait due to the WHO performance status not being recorded and the patient waited a week longer to be seen. His concern is that the Committee were assured this would not happen and no patient would wait longer in urgent cases.

Dr Carl Ellson has asked the Trust to respond to this issue. The Chairman asked to be made aware of any cases and to log all such cases on Datix. Dr Benney updated on two and agreed to share these with the Secretary for her to escalate.

**Action:                   The Secretary to escalate any further cases**

### **CCG - Wrist Splits**

The Secretary updated that following a discussion on this at the last meeting she emailed the CCG with four preferred options and asked whether they were feasible and if not why not. The response was that none of the options were tenable but they have agreed that non delivery of a split would not go back to the GP and this could be resolved between the patient and the provider.

### **Fitness to Drive after Stroke**

The Secretary updated briefly that there was an issue raised by a colleague as to why these patients should come to a GP as the DVLA guidance implies that they do not need to. The Stroke Association were advising patients to see their GP in order to be referred for a driving assessment. The GP will be informed of the outcome of the assessment, but the patient will be able to inform the DVLA directly without input from a GP.

### **Mentoring and Coaching and Wellbeing**

The Secretary updated that we now have a new section on our website for Wellbeing with links to appropriate support and resources. The Secretary has been discussing with Dr Joshi a mentoring and coaching scheme for the First Five GPs and would like to offer coaching sessions to all GPs who request it. A meeting with the CCG is planned to look at this. The Secretary has also been in touch with Lianne Denton from the BMA who supports local BMA events to work together on future events including a possible wellbeing day and to avoid duplication of events. Dr S Morton updated that he attended a recent event and he did not feel it was that helpful. The Secretary has a list of areas they cover. It was agreed to some maybe helpful in the future but we would need to review the content.

**Action:                   Consider whether to withdraw from the Wellbeing Day in light of recent resilience educational days**

### **Future Events**

The Chairman updated on the recent GP Provider Board Event on 14<sup>th</sup> February and to-date the LMC has received 22 MOUs back from practices. He asked for feedback from the event and this was generally positive although the venue was not ideal in terms of heating and being able to hear and this was noted for future events.

The Chairman updated that there will be a process for appointing Provider Representatives for the Board. Dr Moore updated that SW Healthcare and Taurus have spent a morning brainstorming how the two federations could support with this process by providing an offer of interim of practice support. The timelines are very short to do this work.

### **Portfolio GP Posts**

The Secretary updated that Nicki Marriott and the Training Hub put a bid in for some monies for these schemes and we now have three agreed portfolio roles. We now have one role within SW Healthcare and two at the Health and Care Trust and the Acute Trust are likely to confirm a minimum of one further role. Taurus is also thinking of hosting another role.

### **NHSE Meeting**

The Secretary updated that she recently attended a meeting with NHS England. Dr C Whyte asked for some clarity on PAG and the type of cases that are seen there. The Secretary updated on the escalation routes. The Secretary then ran through some of smaller issues covered at the NHSE Meeting.

### **FY2 ICE Registration**

The Secretary updated on an issue that was raised by Helen Garfield where FY2 doctors were not able to order radiology tests on ICE. The Trust agreed this was an oversight and they have corrected this and reissued their guidance. However, FY2s are still not able to receive results in their own name and it was agreed that this posed a problem. This has implications for practices in employing other staff in the future. The Secretary has agreed with the Trust that any changes to registration on ICE are to be discussed with us in the future.

**Action: To discuss this further with the Acute Trust**

### **Cause of Death**

The Chairman updated on a colleague who recorded inanition as cause of death on a death certificate which had previously been accepted but this time not accepted by the Coroner. There is no national standard on this and GPC has said there is no national policy. The Secretary has written to the Chief Coroner to request a standardised National approach to this.

### **Social Event/Annual Dinner**

The Chairman updated that the plan is not to host an annual dinner this year and it may be appropriate to have something some more celebratory and inclusive later in the year. He asked for approval for a different idea for a warmer month in the year. The Committee agreed to this.

### **GP Contract – Dr Simon Parkinson**

The Assistant Secretary updated the Committee on the GP Contract and a discussion around this took place.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm.