



# Cleveland Local Medical Committee

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Minutes and report of the meeting of the Cleveland Local Medical Committee commencing at 7.02 p.m. on Tuesday, 6 December 2011 at Norton Education Centre, Norton, Stockton on Tees TS20 1PR.

**Present:**

Dr D Donovan (Chairman)	Dr M Betterton	Dr J-A Birch
Dr A Bonavia	Dr I Bonavia	Dr J T Canning
Dr K Ellenger	Dr A Gash	Dr M Hulyer
Dr R McMahon	Dr H Murray	Dr N Rowell
Dr P Singh	Dr M Speight	Dr C Wilson
Mr G Wynn		

**In attendance:** Ms C A Knifton : Office Manager  
Dr H C Lamprecht : Observer – Tees, Esk & Wear Valley Foundation Trust

## **11/12/1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Dr W Beeby, Dr S Burrows, Dr S Byrne, Dr G Chawla, Dr G Daynes, Mr S Doyle, Dr J Hameed, Dr C Harikumar, Dr R Mudalagiri, Dr T Nadah, Dr R Roberts, Dr O Sangowawa, Dr S Singh, Dr S White and Ms J Foster.

## **11/12/2 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 1 November 2011 (previously circulated)**

These had been circulated to members and were **AGREED** as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

## **11/12/3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

There were no matters arising.

**NOTED.**

## **11/12/4 NHS REFORMS / HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE BILL**

The Medical Director and Development Manager had attended a number of CCG/PCT meetings where the size and shape of CCGs had been discussed taking into consideration costings and the funding each CCG will receive. It had been decided that there will be two CCGs, one north of the river (covering Hartlepool and Stockton) and one south of the river (covering Middlesbrough, Eston and Redcar & Cleveland). The governance structure was now being looked at and it was not known if each area would have its own management structure.

Following the November LMC meeting, the Chairman had written to the five CCG Chairs voicing concern at the lack of LMC involvement. Responses had been received from two of

the five CCGs. The Secretary of State's letter of 13.10.11 to Laurence Buckman highlighted the importance of CCGs working the LMCs.

David Nicholson, future Head of the National Commissioning Board, had spoken at the LMC Secretaries Conference last week reiterating that the LMC had a very important role in representing the profession; the CCG role is not representing the profession but to commission care for patients and there is a need for CCGs and LMCs to work together.

Commissioning Support Units, as from 2016, will not be within the NHS, they will be private organisations.

It was felt that unremunerated work-shift from secondary care to primary care was starting to have an impact on workload, the fact that it was happening in small amounts meant that it was not noticeable at first. If practices had more examples of unremunerated work shift the LMC would like to hear about it – [janice.foster@middlesbroughpct.nhs.uk](mailto:janice.foster@middlesbroughpct.nhs.uk).

**NOTED.**

## **11/12/5 LMC ELECTIONS 2012**

The election to elect the full Committee is due in 2012. The new Committee will take office on 1 April 2012.

### **(a) Consider appointment of Mrs C A Knifton as the Returning Officer**

It was **AGREED** that Mrs Knifton be appointed Returning Officer.

### **(b) Adopt the election timetable**

The following timetable was **ADOPTED**:

6 December	Constituencies defined
13 December	Warning to constituents also seeking names of sessional GPs
17 January	Constituency representation determined based on the number of GPs on the Performers Lists on 1 January 2012
3 February	Election notice and nomination forms sent out by email
24 February	Nominations close
2 March	Ballot papers sent out by email
23 March	Election day – ballot closes @ 9.00 a.m. – Ballot results

### **(c) Receive details of the current constituencies (28 GP members):**

Hartlepool  
*(4 reps but 2 vacancies)*

North Tees  
*(9 reps)*

with a minimum of one from each of:  
Billingham  
Thornaby, Yarm and Eaglescliffe combined  
Stockton, Norton and Stillington combined

Middlesbrough  
*(8 reps)*

Redcar & Cleveland  
*(7 reps)*

with a minimum of one from each of:  
Redcar, Saltburn and Marske combined  
Brotton, Loftus and Guisborough combined  
Eston

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**(d) Consider constituencies for the election**

After a lengthy discussion on how sessional GPs could be best represented, the various representative/constituency permutations and different voting systems, it was **AGREED** that :

- There would be 2 Pan-Tees sessional/locum GPs
- The remaining 26 GP places would be allocated in proportion to GP numbers on the Tees Performers List as at 1 January 2012 and cover all GPs
- Members constituency of election would be retained for the duration of their membership
- Voting would be by the 'first past the post' method
- The LMC has the ability to co-opt additional members as and when necessary

**11/12/6 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

No reports had been received.

**NOTED.**

**11/12/7 MEETINGS ATTENDED BY LMC SENIOR OFFICERS (since LMC Board Meeting on 1.11.2011)**

2.11.11	Meeting with practice representatives @ LMC re Practice Premises Development @ Acklam Hall – Janice Foster / Malcolm Brydon / Neil Whittington / Sue Dunn / Alan Jackson / Catherine Hurst
8.11.11	JET/CCG Meeting @ Teesdale House – Janice Foster
9.11.11	Future configuration of CCGs @ Teesdale House – Janice Foster / Julie Birch
9.11.11	GPC Roadshow @ Washington – Danny Donovan / Iain Bonavia
10.11.11	Tees Meds Management Committee @ Riverside House – Julie Birch
14.11.11	Urgent Care Systems Group @ Teesdale House – Janice Foster
15.11.11	JET/CCG Meeting @ Teesdale House – Janice Foster
17.11.11	Meeting re Doctors being suspended without the LMC being informed @ LMC – Janice Foster / Danny Donovan / Wendy Stephens <i>Paul Chapman &amp; Denise Jones did not attend</i>
22.11.11	JET/CCG Meeting @ Teesdale House – Janice Foster
24.11.11	Future configuration of M CCG @ MTLC – Julie Birch / Janice Foster
29.11.11	JET/CCG Meeting @ Teesdale House – Janice Foster
29.11.11	NE Regional LMC/RCGP joint event @ Gosforth Park – John Canning / Janice Foster / Danny Donovan / Iain Bonavia
1.12.11	LMC Secretaries Conference @ BMA House, London – John Canning / Julie Birch / Janice Foster
2.12.11	Meeting with Ali Wilson re CCG Governance @ Teesdale House – Janice Foster
5.12.11	LMC / NEPCSA bi-monthly liaison meeting @ LMC – John Canning / Janice Foster / Chris Knifton / Denise Jones / Wendy Stephens / Hannah Herron
6.12.11	Practices Premises Funding @ Teesdale House – John Canning / Janice Foster / Stephen Childs / Neil Nicholson
6.12.11	JET/CCG Meeting @ Teesdale House – Janice Foster

**5.12.11 : Liaison meeting with LMC/NEPCSA** - a number of topics were covered including their didactic approach to the way they send information out. It was felt the NEPCSA Christmas opening hours letter was heavy handed and uncalled for in the Tees area.

There was an ongoing issue with NEPCSA about the eligibility of practices to decline to register a patient. It was pointed out to them (again) that according to the Regulations a contractor practice may decline to register a patient on grounds which are 'reasonable' so long as those grounds are not based on race, creed, colour, sexual orientation or health.

'Reasonable' always includes the fact that the person does not live in the practice area, and may include matters such as threatening behaviour or where there is a reasonable risk of a perceived threat, racist behaviour to others in the practice, or there is short term absence amongst GPs and they do not have the capacity to take on any more patients. NEPCSA's view is that if your list is Open then anyone who walks in and asks to be registered must be registered. The LMC is at an impasse with NEPCSA who are going to look at the Regulations.

PMS practice list size adjustments are being looked at by NEPCSA. Some practices since 2000/01 have not had any adjustment to their financial arrangements based on list size adjustments. Some practices are, therefore, receiving relatively too much money and some practices are not receiving enough because of the lack of adjustment. NEPCSA wish to see a resolution to this and to move to a quarterly list adjustment as happens in North Tees. NEPCSA are looking to commence clawing back money from overpaid practices by the end of this financial year at the rate of 60% and then 20% for the following two years, and in some cases this will be a significant amount of money. It is the view of the LMC that this is unfair. Practices have to agree to this variation and if they do not NEPCSA are proposing to review the PMS contract.

**29.11.11 : NE Regional LMC/RCGP joint event @ Gosforth Park** – The event, which local LMCs had part-funded, had been well supported, though it was more difficult for Tees members to attend. This was the second such event and both had been held north of the Tyne. It was felt that the next event should be held south of the Tyne to aid attendance and this would be suggested at a future NE Regional LMC meeting.

**NOTED.**

**11/12/8 ANY OTHER NOTIFIED BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**11/12/9 RECEIVE ITEMS**

**11/12/9.1 Medical List**

**Applications:**

<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Partnership</u></b>	<b><u>Practice Area</u></b>
1.1.12 <i>Partner.</i>	Dr C D Parker	McKenzie House Practice	H PCT
14.12.11 <i>Returning to work following 24 hour retirement.</i>	Dr T A Foster	The Endeavour Practice	M PCT
1.2.12 <i>Returning to work following superannuation break.</i>	Dr M Nath	Crossfell Medical Centre	M PCT

**Resignations:**

<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Partnership</u></b>	<b><u>Practice Area</u></b>
12.12.11 <i>Taking 24 hour retirement. Returning 14 December 2011.</i>	Dr T A Foster	The Endeavour Practice	M PCT
31.12.11 <i>Taking superannuation break. Returning 1 February 2012.</i>	Dr M Nath	Crossfell Medical Centre	M PCT

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**11/12/9.2 The Cameron Fund – Annual Christmas Appeal Letter  
Communication from David Harris, CF Chief Executive**

“We would like to thank your LMC and your constituent GPs for their continuing support over the past year. Our charity is the GPs’ own charity and only supports GPs, including those who are retired, and their dependants.

During 2010, over 111 new requests for help were received by The Cameron Fund. These referrals were received either directly from the doctor concerned, from a referral made by their LMC secretariat or from other sympathetic organisations. We are delighted to report that in 2010, the last year for which complete figures are available, The Cameron Fund was able to help 158 new and existing beneficiaries by providing assistance to the value of £169,341.

With the ever increasing calls upon our resources and as Christmas approaches, we are again seeking your help so we may continue to be in a position to provide sympathetic support for those of our colleagues who find themselves in either financial or medical distress.

The Fund tries to make Christmas for its beneficiaries a little bit special with a seasonal gift. However, the work of the Fund needs to continue year round and particularly in the current economic climate the ever increasing calls upon the Fund’s resources mean we need our financial support more than ever. We write now asking your LMC and constituent GPs to consider giving generously to the Fund this Christmas.

We would like to remind you that the LMC or any of your colleagues or their dependants, who may be in need of help from The Cameron Fund, should contact Jane Cope (Tel. 0207 388 0796 / email [janecope@cameronfund.org.uk](mailto:janecope@cameronfund.org.uk)).

We thank you in advance for any financial support that your GPs or the LMC may be able to give to The Cameron Fund.

Finally, may we wish you all the very best for the festive season and also wish you a happy and healthy New Year.”

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**11/12/9.3 Report the receipt of:**

GPC Newsletter 4 – Friday, 18 November 2011 (available on [www.bma.org.uk](http://www.bma.org.uk))  
Sunderland LMC’s minutes of meeting held on 18 October 2011

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**11/12/9.4 Date and time of next meeting**

Tuesday, **17 January 2012** : 7.00 p.m. : Norton Education Centre, Junction Road, Norton, Stockton on Tees TS20 1PR.

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Dr Gash was thanked for her generous provision of Christmas mince pies,  
and the Chairman wished everyone a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

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There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

Date:

Chairman: