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Minutes and report of the meeting of Cleveland LMC Limited commencing at 7.02 p.m. on Tuesday, 14 January 2014 at The Maureen Taylor Conference Suite, Stockton Riverside College, Harvard Avenue, Thornaby, Stockton on Tees TS17 6FB.

Present:

Dr I Bonavia (Chairman)	Dr S H M Arifulla	Dr W J Beeby
Dr M Betterton	Dr J-A Birch	Mrs V Counter
Dr R Craven	Dr H El-Sherif	Dr K Ellenger
Dr J Hameed	Dr M Hazarika	Dr M Hulyer
Dr E Mansoor	Dr R McMahan	Dr N Miller
Dr T Nadah	Dr O Sangowawa	Dr S Selvan
Dr R Singh	Dr M Speight	Dr D White
Ms A Wilson	Dr C Wilson	

In attendance: Ms J Foster : Development Manager
Mrs C A Knifton : Office Manager

Dr Birch explained that in the absence of Dr Canning she would be acting as Secretary for the evening

Dr Bonavia, LMC Chairman, wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed Dr Rashpal Singh as a new Member for the Middlesbrough constituency, and Ms Ali Wilson to her first LMC meeting representing H&S CCG in the absence of Dr Posmyk.

14/01/1 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been **RECEIVED** from Dr A Boggis, Dr S Byrne, Dr J T Canning, Dr G Chawla, Dr I Guy, Mrs C Hurst, Dr H Lamprecht, Dr H Murray, Dr B Posmyk, Dr R Roberts, Dr P Singh and Dr H Waters.

NOTED.

14/01/2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 November 2013

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

14/01/3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

14/01/3.1 New Members of CLMC Limited

Dr Rashpal Singh had been nominated, without opposition, and duly elected to Cleveland LMC. One vacancy for the Middlesbrough constituency remained and would be re-advertised.

NOTED.

14/01/3.2 Attendees at LMC Conference 2014

Three places were allocated for CLMC at the LMC Conference which will take place on Thursday/Friday, 22/23 May 2014 in York. Normally the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary attend but the Secretary will be attending in his GPDF capacity which leaves a vacancy. Dr McMahon had expressed an interest as had Dr G Chawla.

It was **AGREED** that :

- Drs McMahon and Chawla should attend Conference for one day each, with whoever attended on Thursday attending the Dinner on the evening.
- The two doctors would agree between themselves who was attending which day and inform the Office Manager as quickly as possible.

14/01/4 PROCUREMENT OF LOCAL SERVICES FROM PRACTICES wef 01.04.2014

14/01/4.1 Standard NHS Contract

A member raised concerns over all practices being given 3 months notice of termination, on 24 December 2013, for all enhanced services provided by practices and that as of 1 April 2014 practices will be faced with either doing the work for no payment or doing it under the NHS standard contract which was not designed to work within general practice i.e. it was not fit for purpose. Practices did not know what to do about staff who were employed under the current contract and will have to carry on with their employment until they know what is happening.

A lengthy discussion ensued. The LMC had been in discussions with CCGs and NECS concerning enhanced services since August 2013 and were frustrated that the termination notice had been issued on 24 December without any information as to what would be happening regarding going forward with enhanced services. The CCGs would be using the e-contract and have said they will remove sections that are not applicable. LES's come under CCGs and DES's under the Area Team. Once the e-contract is available the LMC Development Manager will go through it and flag up items for practices to look at.

H&S CCG Chief Officer said there were plans to run some sessions on the new contracting mechanism, particularly with Practice Managers, to give them an understanding of the contract. The CCG appreciates the contract is unwieldy. The process takes a long time because the CCG has to send things to the Area Team to safeguard conflict of interest towards GPs and this delays things; they are currently working with NHS England to get things put through. By the CCG working more closely with the LMC it is hoped that the quality of information can be improved for practices and issued quicker. Another letter with more information should be issued to all practices this week.

Public Health are now under the control of the Local Authorities, and the Local Authorities had no experience of issuing GP contracts and were learning how CLMC can assist them with enhanced

services. Public Health will be re-contracting the majority of services with practices though the mechanism had not yet been worked out. Initial discussions were about bundling and Public Health had been asked to bundle following the way practices work, looking at skill sets. Everyone should have had a standard Local Authority contract which was put in place last year; there was no change to that of which CLMC was aware, at the moment. It will take some time to work out the specifications but Public Health were asked to send the contract to practices / LMC as soon as possible. It was **AGREED** LMC would chase Public Health on this aspect.

14/01/4.2 Smoking Cessation

Concern was raised over the process by which Public Health were commissioning smoking cessation wef 1 April 2014. Practices had been notified that Public Health were not taking on any more patients up to 31 March 2014 because the patients would not have completed the treatment when the contract expired on 31 March 2014 and it was not known who would be taking over the running of the contract. The service specification on the LA website is lengthy, complex, very specific, public health orientated and lasts for two years only. The contract price for the whole of Tees is £303,000 + drugs. A success rate of 35% was expected after one year.

It was voiced that by the current provider of smoking cessation services not taking on any new patients, were Public Health terminating the contract? CLMC had challenged the Local Authority about this, without any resolution being reached. If any practices were interested in operating the service, the LMC Development Manager would be happy to look at the procurement information with them.

The Public Health Director said it was unfortunate what was happening but they had not been able to identify another provider. The tendering process is for a Local Authority LES and is separate from the Public Health LES which some practices are operating at the moment, which will continue. There was reassurance that the Local Authority will work with CLMC in future. Also, the Local Authority was used to re-tendering every 2 / max 3 years and they were being encouraged to amend this to 5 years for general practice.

The strong feeling in the room was that the Local Authority should not expect practices to pick up this extra smoking cessation work; practices were not contracted to do the work, it was not in the core contract and practices do not have the capacity. The Local Authority should sort it out.

NOTED.

14/01/5 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from representatives.

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14/01/6 MEETINGS ATTENDED BY LMC SENIOR OFFICERS (since LMC Board Meeting on 12.11.13)

13.11.13	ST CCG Urgent Care Group @ ST CCG – Janice Foster
14.11.13	ST CCG Commissioning @ ST CCG – Craig Blair/Janice Foster
18.11.13	eDSM Project Group @ HaST CCG – Janice Foster
21.11.13	Tees Flu Planning Group @ ST CCG – Janice Foster
28.11.13	HaST CCG Quality in Primary Care Group – Janice Foster
28.11.13	ST CCG Commissioning @ ST CCG – Craig Blair/Janice Foster
04.12.13	111 Clinical Gov Meeting @ Teesdale House – Janice Foster

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05.12.13	LMC Secs Conference, BMA House, London – Janice Foster / Julie Birch / John Canning
06.12.13	DDT AT/LMC Meeting @ AT Darlington – Janice Foster
11.12.13	Public Health Commissioning Mtg @ LMC – Philip Ray / Jayne Herring / Janice Foster
11.12.13	Federating/Collaborating Meeting @ MTLC – John Canning / Janice Foster
11.12.13	ST CCG Public Meeting “Call to Action” – Julie Birch
19.12.13	Tees Flu Planning Group @ Teesdale House – Janice Foster
07.01.14	H&S CCG Urgent Care meeting @ Billingham – Janice Foster
08.01.14	Tees 111 Clinical Gov Meeting @ Teesdale House – Janice Foster
08.01.14	ST CCG Urgent Care Meeting @ NOHV – Janice Foster
08.01.14	NR LMC Meeting @ Washington – Janice Foster / Iain Bonavia / Julie Birch
09.01.14	Meds Management Committee – Julie Birch
10.01.14	Patient Participation Group Workshop @ Coatham Surgery – Janice Foster
13.01.14	Sue Metcalfe : Director of Commissioning (Durham, Darlington & Tees) – Update meeting @ LMC – Janice Foster
14.01.14	Working together in general practice : Getting the legal structure right @ Leeds – Janice Foster

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14/01/7 ANY OTHER NOTIFIED BUSINESS

**14/01/7.1 GPC/LMC Roadshow : Wednesday, 5 February 2014 : 6.30 for 7.00 p.m.
Beamish Room, Holiday Inn, Washington NE37 1LB off A1(M)**

Dr Richard Vautrey, Vice Chairman of the GPC & GPC Negotiator would be speaking at the GPC/LMC Roadshow. The meeting was open to GPs and Practice Managers who should reserve their place by email to maxine.allan@g-stlmc.co.uk as places were on a first come first served basis. A buffet would be served at 6.30 p.m. GPs and Practice Managers were encouraged to attend and could put questions to the speaker at the end of the Roadshow.

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14/01/8 RECEIVE ITEMS

14/01/8.1 Medical List

Applications:

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Partnership</u>	<u>Practice Area</u>
06.01.14 <i>Salaried GP.</i>	Dr A Gupta	Hart Medical Practice	Hartlepool
01.07.13 <i>APMS. Salaried GP.</i>	Dr J Sabate-Villaret	Stockton NHS Healthcare Centre	Stockton
21.01.14 <i>Partner.</i>	Dr R I Cheema	Tennant Street Medical Practice	Stockton

03.02.14 <i>Partner.</i>	Dr C J Rigby	Parkway Medical Centre	Middlesbrough
03.02.14 <i>Partner.</i>	Dr J P Bye	Coulby Medical Practice	Middlesbrough
05.02.14 <i>Returning from superannuation break.</i>	Dr S W McIlhinney	Discovery Practice	Middlesbrough
06.01.14 <i>Salaried GP.</i>	Dr M O Myint	The Erimus Practice	Middlesbrough
06.01.14 <i>Partner.</i>	Dr P R Allan	Springwood Surgery	Langbaugh
06.01.143 <i>Partner.</i>	Dr K A Anthony	Zetland Medical Practice	Langbaugh

Resignations:

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Partnership</u>	<u>Practice Area</u>
00/07/13 <i>Resigned.</i>	Dr R H Johnson <i>Salaried GP.</i>	Arrival Practice	Stockton
13.12.13 <i>Retiring.</i>	Dr L C Neoh <i>Partner.</i>	Thornaby & Barwick M C	Stockton
31.03.14 <i>Retiring.</i>	Dr J P O'Donoghue <i>Partner.</i>	Marsh House M P	Stockton
31.03.14 <i>Retiring.</i>	Dr G K Daynes <i>Partner.</i>	Thornaby & Barwick M G	Stockton
15.05.14 <i>Retiring.</i>	Dr J R Wood <i>Partner.</i>	Linthorpe Surgery	Middlesbrough
02.07.13 <i>Resigned.</i>	Dr J Sabate-Villaret <i>APMS. Salaried GP.</i>	Resolution Health Centre	Middlesbrough
28.06.13 <i>Resigned.</i>	Dr J Sabate-Villaret <i>APMS. Salaried GP.</i>	Park End Clinic	Middlesbrough
03.02.14 <i>Superannuation break. Returning 05.02.14</i>	Dr S W McIlhinney	Discovery Practice	Middlesbrough
06.02.14 <i>Resigned.</i>	Dr A H Raja <i>Salaried GP.</i>	South Grange Medical Centre	Langbaugh
05.01.14 <i>Resigned.</i>	Dr P R Allan <i>Salaried GP.</i>	Zetland Medical Practice	Langbaugh
03.01.14 <i>Resigned.</i>	Dr K A Anthony <i>Partner.</i>	Springwood Surgery	Langbaugh

31.12.13 <i>Resigned. Partner.</i>	Dr R C Rigby	Woodside Surgery	Langbaugh
31.01.14 <i>Resigned. Partner.</i>	Dr C A Rigby	Woodside Surgery	Langbaugh
31.01.14 <i>Resigned. Partner.</i>	Dr M D Speight	Woodside Surgery	Langbaugh
31.08.12 <i>Resigned. APMS practice.</i>	Dr K Shanmugam	Skelton Medical Practice	Langbaugh

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**14/01/8.2 Closure of GP Branch Surgery Premises
Communication from Contractor Services, DDT Area Team**

"Fulcrum Medical Practice, Branch Surgery, Low Grand Health Village, Normanby Road, South Bank, Middlesbrough TS6 6TD closed on 31 May 2013. The practice will continue to provide services from its surgery premises at Acklam Road, Middlesbrough TS5 4EQ".

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**14/01/8.3 Change in surgery fax number – Linthorpe Surgery, Middlesbrough
Communication from contractor Services, DDT Area Team**

"The following GP surgery has changed their fax number. All other numbers remain the same:

Linthorpe Surgery
378 Linthorpe Road
Middlesbrough TS5 6HA
Fax Number: 01642 856061"

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14/01/8.4 Report the receipt of:

GPC Newsletter 5 – Friday, 15 November 2013 - available on www.bma.org.uk
GPC Newsletter 6 – Thursday, 28 November 2013 - available on www.bma.org.uk
GPC Newsletter 7 – Friday, 20 December 2013 - available on www.bma.org.uk
Sunderland LMC Minutes of Meeting held on 15 October 2013
NE & Cumbria Regional LMC Minutes of Meeting held on 2 October 2013

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14/01/8.5 Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday, 11 March 2014 : 7.00 p.m. : The Maureen Taylor Conference Suite, Stockton Riverside College, Harvard Avenue, Thornaby, Stockton on Tees TS17 6FB.

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There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Date: Chairman: