



# Cleveland Local Medical Committee

Chairman: Dr I Bonavia  
Vice Chairman/ Medical Director/Asst Secretary: Dr J-A Birch  
Secretary: Dr J T Canning  
Development Manager: Ms J Foster  
Office Manager: Ms C A Knifton

First Floor  
Yarm Medical Centre  
Worsall Road  
Yarm  
Stockton-on-Tees  
TS15 9DD

LMC office email: [christine.knifton@tees.nhs.uk](mailto:christine.knifton@tees.nhs.uk)  
Web: [www.clevelandlmc.org.uk](http://www.clevelandlmc.org.uk)

Tel: 01642 745811  
Fax: 01642 745812

Minutes and report of the meeting of Cleveland LMC Limited commencing at 8.03 p.m. on Tuesday, 11 March 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 J-A Birch	Dr J T Canning	Mrs V Counter
Dr R Craven	Dr H El-Sherif	Dr K Ellenger
Dr R Gossow	Dr M Hazarika	Dr E Mansoor
Dr R McMahon	Dr N Miller	Dr H Murray
Dr T Nadah	Dr B Posmyk	Dr R Roberts
Dr S Selvan	Dr P Singh	Dr R Singh
Dr M Speight	Dr H Waters	Dr D White
Dr C Wilson		

**In attendance:** Ms J Foster : Development Manager  
Mrs C A Knifton : Office Manager  
Dr L Dobson : Director, GP Health

## 14/03/1 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been **RECEIVED** from Dr M Betterton, Dr A Boggis, Dr G Chawla, Dr I Guy, Dr J Hameed, Dr M Hulyer, Mrs C Hurst, Dr H Lamprecht and Dr O Sangowawa.

**NOTED.**

## 14/03/2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 January 2014

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

## 14/03/3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### 14/03/3.1 Public Health procurement of local services from Practices wef 01.04.14 Ref Minute No. 14/01/4 Communication from Clinical Director of Public Health

*"We have now had discussions on existing GP contracts and agreed we will not be able to implement the single contract (with bundling of services) by 1 April 2014. We will therefore be looking to extend existing services, for another year, using the public health contracts framework. Philip Ray will be leading on this and will discuss further with you. We will still need to seek LA agreement as they are the legal commissioners."*

**RECEIVED.**

## **14/03/4 RETIREMENT / RESIGNATIONS**

### **14/03/4.1 Vocational Training Scheme representative**

A vacancy exists for a VTS member following the completion of training for the existing representative. No volunteers from VTS were forthcoming at the moment.

### **14/03/4.1 ST Hospitals NHS Trust Medical Staff representative**

Dr Steve Byrne had retired as the Medical Staff representative for South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust. Dr Andrew Thornley, Cardiothoracic Services, JCUH had taken his place.

**RECEIVED.**

## **14/03/5 REPORT FROM ANNUAL OPEN MEETING**

### **14/03/5.1 Consider Motions to LMC Conference – deadline 24 March 2014**

Suggestions put forward at the Annual Open Meeting included:

- Stability
- Initiatives require assessment
- Funding for training junior doctors
- Funding to facilitate GPs becoming GP trainers and opening more training practices
- Funding for occupational health service for GPs

It was **AGREED** the Secretary take the concept of the suggestions and formulate motions to take to the LMC Annual Conference.

A further motion suggested, which was **SUPPORTED**, was that there was a need for radical change in how the LMC Annual Conference was run in this fast moving climate.

The Committee **AUTHORISED** the Secretary to formulate the motions which would be circulated to the Members for comment and approval before submission to the GPC.

## **14/03/6 REVIEW OF ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE & MILEAGE wef 1 April 2014**

Members are currently paid £45.60 per hour Attendance Allowance (Tax and NICS to be deducted) with allowances being linked to DDRB increase, and 45p per mile Inland Revenue Rate. The Committee is asked to consider appropriateness of increases.

It was **AGREED** to take the DDRB figure as the Attendance Allowance increase wef 1 April 2014. Mileage would remain at the Inland Revenue Rate.

14/03/7

## **GP HEALTH**

### **Communication from GP Health (a non-profit making company) Dr Leslie Dobson, Director of GP Health was in attendance**

*"Despite our best efforts, which include consultations with the local MPs, contacts with just about everybody from the Minister of Health down, we have not been able to obtain funding (with the exception of a small amount of money to provide continuing care for South Tees clients already undergoing treatment on 1/4/13) to continue to offer our services.*

*Despite all, we intend to continue our efforts to obtain funding because we believe that in the present climate GPs and performers need a confidential Occupational Health Service more than ever."*

Dr Dobson spoke to members at length. GP Health was not a charity but a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee, and had been running for 13 years with over 2000 consultations, (280 in 2013), having been funded in the past by local PCTs. Funding was withdrawn, without notice, on 1 April 2013 when CCGs/Area Teams commenced despite a letter having been issued by David Geddes of NHS England on 16 May 2013 to Area Teams stating "... Area Teams should honour agreements as they stand currently ...". ST CCG provided some funding for those ST GPs who were receiving ongoing treatment as at 31 March 2013 but this had now expired. GP Health were proposing to ask the LMC to consider taking an additional levy from GPs in order to provide a service for GPs.

GP Health provided confidential mentoring and psychological services to GPs as opposed to routine screening for medical problems, and because of this it was more prudent for clients to receive treatment out of the area in order to ensure confidentiality. This service enabled GPs to continue working thus not increasing the workload on other GPs and to avoid having to recruit any replacement.

Hospital doctors/staff receive occupational health through the hospital via funding included in the Trust's baseline budget.

A vote was taken on whether CLMC, as the representative body for GPs across Teesside, should adjust the levy from practices to include an amount to be set aside for GP Health with costings being prepared on £30 and £50 and communicated to Members via email from the LMC office. It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** by voting GP members that this course of action should be implemented. The money should be ring fenced to avoid any LMC levy having to be used, with a formal agreement and understanding of what the funding would cover. To be re-evaluated after 2 -3 years.

The Cameron Fund and Royal Medical Benevolent Fund are charities for GPs and their families but do not provide mentoring or psychological services to GPs.

14/03/8

## **PERFORMERS & CONTRACTORS WHOSE PERFORMANCE CAUSES CONCERN**

### **Communication from Mike Guy & Mike Prentice, Medical Directors & Responsible Officers for DDT and CNTW Area Teams**

*"As you will be aware, NHS England is responsible for directly commissioning primary care services and follows standard policies and procedures to identify and manage individuals whose performance gives cause for concern. They apply to GPs, Dentists, Optometrists and Pharmacists across our two areas.*

*Performance concerns could range from individuals needing temporary support whilst they resolve short-term issues to more complex cases involving quite clear clinical underperformance.*

*Currently performance concerns are referred to the Area Team from a variety of sources through email, telephone calls and letters and we would like to pilot a referral form to improve this process. The aim is to standardise the information collected and help referrers by providing prompts for the range of information*

we would ask for in these circumstances. It also allows actions already taken to be documented and passed on.

While we would promote the use of the form, our contact details and those of our teams are given on the form, and discussion is still very much encouraged. The plan is to pilot the form over the next three months and we would value your feedback over this period.

We will be distributing this widely and would encourage you to pass this on to relevant partners."

**RECEIVED.**

**14/03/9      FRAMEWORK FOR MANAGING PERFORMER CONCERNS  
Consultation closes 20 March 2014  
Communication from Dr David Geddes, Head of Primary Care Commissioning**

"In April 2013, NHS England produced a suite of policy and procedure documents for managing those who deliver primary care including doctors, dentists, optometrists and pharmacists working in the community. These documents are now being refined in light of feedback from users and stakeholders and one year on, a new high level framework has been drafted that covers inclusion of practitioners onto the performers lists (the lists that allow them to see and treat patients in the community), and the management of those few practitioners where standards fall below expected levels or concerns arise.

A formal consultation on this framework and annexes has been published and can be found at <https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/consultation/06d1a60e> and will be open for four weeks, closing midnight on Thursday 20 March. The framework incorporates the policy and high level procedures that together detail NHS England's responsibility for holding and maintaining performers lists in respect of primary medical, dental and ophthalmic performers as detailed in the National Health Service (Performers Lists) (England) Regulations 2013. The framework aims to support area teams in managing their responsibility for performers seeking to join the list(s) and to protect the public from any performers who fall below the required standards once on the list.

We are very grateful to those stakeholders who have assisted our work over the past few months to shape the framework and annexes into their current format. Further opinions are now sought from across primary care and we thank you in advance for taking the time to share your views. Following consultation, we hope to publish the framework, annexes and a range of further guidance in April/May.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch via: Kate Rogers, Responding to Concerns Project Manager, [kate.rogers2@nhs.net](mailto:kate.rogers2@nhs.net)."

It was **AGREED** that the Secretary submit comments on behalf of CLMC.

**14/03/10      REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

No reports had been received from representatives.

**14/03/11      MEETINGS ATTENDED BY LMC SENIOR OFFICERS (since LMC Board Meeting on 14.01.14)**

15.01.14	H&S CCG / LMC update meeting @ Billingham– Ali Wilson / Poz Posmyk . Janice Foster . Julie Birch
16.01.14	Influenza Imms Group @ Lawson Street – Janice Foster
16.01.14	H&S CCG workstreams @ Billingham – Paula Swindale / Janice Foster
20.01.14	GP Visits meeting @ LMC – Karen Hedgley / Dr Kailish Agrawal /. John Canning / Janice Foster
23.01.14	Update meeting @ LMC – Craig Blair / Janice Foster
24.01.14	Public Health Enhanced Services @ LMC – Phil Ray / Janice Foster

30.01.14	H&S CCG Quality in Primary Care Meeting @ Billingham – Janice Foster
04.02.14	H&S CCG Urgent Care meeting @ Billingham – Janice Foster
05.02.14	Tees 111 Clinical Gov Meeting @ Teesdale House – Janice Foster
05.02.14	GPC Roadshow @ Holiday Inn, Washington – Janice Foster
12.02.14	Stockton Practice Managers Development Day, Parkmore Hotel, Eaglescliffe – Janice Foster
13.02.14	Tees Medicines Management Committee @ H&S CCG Billingham – Julie Birch
13.02.14	Update meeting on Public Health contracts @ LMC – Phil Ray / Janice Foster
13.02.14	BMA NE Regional Meeting @ Holiday Inn, Washington – Julie Birch
19.02.14	Influenza Imms Group @ Redheugh House – Janice Foster
19.02.14	ST CCG Urgent Care meeting @ NOHV – Janice Foster
26.02.14	Treatment Room ES @ Teesdale House – John Canning / Janice Foster / Gill Carton
28.02.14	H&S CCG Quality in primary care meeting @ Billingham offices – Janice Foster
04.03.14	H&S CCG Urgent Care Mtg @ Billingham offices – Janice Foster
05.03.14	DDT Area Team Immunisations Board Meeting @ Darlington – Janice Foster
06.03.14	Inappropriate use of Out Patient Treatment Forms @ JCUH – John Canning / Julie Birch / Janice Foster / Prof Hart / Prof Wilson
11.03.14	ST CCG / LMC liaison meeting @ NOHV – Janice Foster / Julie Birch

**RECEIVED.**

**14/03/12 ANY OTHER NOTIFIED BUSINESS**

**14/03/12.1 Community Based Services 2014-15 – previously Enhanced Services**

The Development Manager explained we were still waiting for the final version of the enhanced service specifications to be issued and CLMC had been working on them with NECS. The final specs for H&S CCG had been seen and commented upon, but CLMC still had some outstanding concerns which have not yet been addressed or responded to. No final specs had been issued to CLMC by ST CCG.

It is important that practices read the contract closely to make sure they can deliver the services. Make sure the contract is viable i.e. funding received versus workload. Do not take on enhanced services which are going to cost more to perform than funding received.

Should practices decline to do any enhanced service, CCGs should have steps in place to provide the service elsewhere.

NECS have informed CLMC that we cannot see a final copy of the NHS Contract until practices have signed up to the enhanced services because only then will various parts of the contract be included / excluded for each individual practice. The template of the core contract, which the LMC has been able to view, has some elements that cause concern, for example at the moment there is a 12 month notice period required for all specifications! It is impossible to offer constructive advice to practices and the CCGs until a copy of the contract that will be issued to practices can be viewed by the LMC as we do not know whether the elements that cause concern will remain. It would be helpful if a practice that signs the contract quickly agrees to let CLMC have access to the contract to see what it looks like.

CLMC had also been working with Public Health on their enhanced service specs, which should be issued shortly.

On behalf of CLMC, the Chairman congratulated the Development Manager on her efforts in trying to get the best enhanced service specifications for practices.

**NOTED.**

#### **14/03/12.2 Loneliness**

The BBC were seeking a GP who could talk to them about patients who were lonely as it was reported that there were more lonely people in the North East than in the rest of England. Dr McMahon offered to speak to them and would be forwarded the contact details.

**NOTED.**

#### **14/03/13 RECEIVE ITEMS**

##### **14/03/13.1 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>
10.03.14 <i>Salaried GP.</i>	Dr A Jayswal	Journee Medical Practice	Hartlepool
01.04.14 <i>Salaried GP.</i>	Dr S Tun	Hart Medical Practice	Hartlepool
05.03.14 <i>Returning from superannuation break.</i>	Dr A H Awad	West View Millennium Surgery	Hartlepool
06.04.14 <i>Change in status from Salaried GP to Partner.</i>	Dr P A Mathiazhagan	Bank House Surgery	Hartlepool
21.02.14 <i>Partner.</i>	Dr N Goddard	Melrose Medical Centre	Stockton
04.04.14 <i>Returning from superannuation break.</i>	Dr D H White	Norton Medical Centre	Stockton
01.01.14 <i>Salaried GP.</i>	Dr Y Smith	Eaglescliffe Medical Practice	Stockton
23.07.13 <i>Salaried GP. APMS practice.</i>	Dr G W Roberts	Lawson Street Practice	Stockton
01.12.13 <i>Salaried GP. APMS practice.</i>	Dr J Williamson	Lawson Street Practice	Stockton
01.02.14 <i>Change in status from Salaried GP to Partner.</i>	Dr R Rashid	Thornaby & Barwick MG	Stockton
01.04.14 <i>Salaried GP.</i>	Dr H M Trimming	Woodlands Family MC	Stockton

01.04.14 <i>Salaried GP.</i>	Dr S A Gulliver	Woodlands Family MC	Stockton
07.04.14 <i>Returning from superannuation break.</i>	Dr W J Beeby	Parkway Medical Centre	Middlesbrough

**Resignations:**

<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Partnership</u></b>	<b><u>Practice Area</u></b>
03.03.14 <i>Superannuation break. Returning to work 05.03.14</i>	Dr A H Awad	West View Millennium Surgery	Hartlepool
26.03.14 <i>Retirement. Partner.</i>	Dr L D E Sloan	Woodlands Family M C	Stockton
26.07.13 <i>Resigned.</i>	Dr I A Rehman	Tennant Street Medical Practice	Stockton
02.04.14 <i>Superannuation break. Returning to work 04.04.14</i>	Dr D H White	Norton Medical Centre	Stockton
02.04.14 <i>Superannuation break. Returning to work 07.04.14</i>	Dr W J Beeby	Parkway Medical Centre	Middlesbrough
19.03.14 <i>Resigned. Partner.</i>	Dr G V J Fernandez	Coulby Medical Practice	Middlesbrough
31.03.14 <i>Resignation. Salaried GP.</i>	Dr S Peddinti	South Grange Medical Practice	Langbaugh
31.03.14 <i>Resignation. Partner.</i>	Dr R C Davidson	The Green House Surgery	Langbaugh

**RECEIVED.**

**14/03/13.2 Report the receipt of:**

GPC Newsletter 8 – Friday, 17 January 2014 - available on [www.bma.org.uk](http://www.bma.org.uk)  
 GPC Newsletter 9 – Friday, 6 February 2014 - available on [www.bma.org.uk](http://www.bma.org.uk)  
 GPC Newsletter 10 – Friday, 21 February 2014 - available on [www.bma.org.uk](http://www.bma.org.uk)  
 GPC Newsletter 11 – Thursday, 6 March 2014 - available on [www.bma.org.uk](http://www.bma.org.uk)  
 BMA NE Regional Council minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 10 December 2013  
 Sunderland LMC minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 19 November 2013

**RECEIVED.**

**14/03/13.3 Date and time of next meeting**

**Tuesday, 13 May : 7.00 p.m. : The Maureen Taylor Conference Suite, Stockton Riverside College, Harvard Avenue, Thornaby, Stockton on Tees TS17 6FB.**

**RECEIVED.**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Date: ..... Chairman: .....