



Cleveland Local Medical Committee

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Minutes and report of the meeting of the Cleveland Local Medical Committee commencing at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 12 November 2013 at The Maureen Taylor Conference Suite, Stockton Riverside College TS17 6FB.

Present:

Dr I Bonavia (Chairman)	Dr W J Beeby	Dr M Betterton
Dr J-A Birch	Dr A Boggis	Dr J T Canning
Mrs V Counter	Dr R Craven	Dr D Donovan
Dr H El-Sherif	Dr K Ellenger	Dr I Guy
Dr M Hazarika	Mrs C Hurst	Dr H Lamprecht
Dr E Mansoor	Dr R McMahan	Dr N Miller
Dr H Murray	Dr T Nadah	Dr R Roberts
Dr O Sangowawa	Dr S Selvan	Dr P 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

13/11/1 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been **RECEIVED** from Dr S Byrne, Dr G Chawla, Dr J Gossow, Dr M Guy, Dr J Hameed, Dr C Harikumar, Dr M Hulyer, Dr B Posmyk, Dr N Rowell and Ms A Wilson.

13/11/2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 July 2013

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

13/11/3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no matters arising.

13/11/4 RESIGNATIONS & RESULTANT VACANCIES

Dr Donovan had tendered his resignation to Cleveland Local Medical Committee in lieu of his ill health retirement from practice on 30 November 2013. He was thanked for his services to the LMC during his two periods of membership commencing in 1991 and his 4 year Chairmanship prior to his retirement. He was presented with a gift and the Committee's best wishes in his retirement.

Dr Rowell had also tendered his resignation following 18 years membership of the LMC as he felt his CCG role was causing a conflict of interest. In his absence he was thanked for his services to the Committee and would be sent a letter.

It was **AGREED** that the two Middlesbrough GP vacancies would be advertised within the Middlesbrough constituency.

13/11/5 LMC CONSTITUTION

Following changes within the NHS as of 1 April 2013, it was necessary to revise the present LMC Constitution to take account of those changes. Members had been sent the present Constitution with minor amendments. The Secretary itemised the revisions and a final version would be sent to practices in a forthcoming Weekly Bulletin, as well as being put on the LMC website. The Area Team would be approached to approve the Constitution if no objections had been received from constituents.

This process would enable the LMC to receive recognition under the NHS Act Section 97. The Constitution gave the LMC flexibility as to how seats were allocated which was decided prior to each 3-year election.

A question was raised as to the number of people on the Committee and the possibility of slimming down the Committee to less members without dissolution of representation and, therefore, cutting costs as some members did not attend/speak regularly. It was pointed out that CLMC only held circa 7 meetings a year as opposed to monthly. 28 GP representatives had been the number used for many years as the LMC covered some large areas, and the cost involved was not huge.

NOTED.

13/11/6 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

To be advised.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 7.13 p.m.

Date: Chairman: