



**Salford and Trafford Local Medical Committee**  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Oakland House, Talbot Road, old Trafford M16 0PQ  
Telephone 0161 873 9553/9559  
E-mail: [vsimenoff@nhs.net](mailto:vsimenoff@nhs.net) or [LMC.office@trafford.nhs.uk](mailto:LMC.office@trafford.nhs.uk)

**Minutes of the Salford Sub-committee  
held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at The Waterside, Monton**

**Present:**

**EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

Dr M Yates (MY)  
Dr G Patel (GP)

**MEMBERS**

Dr V Raj (VR)  
Dr A Salim (AS)  
Dr B Williams (BW)  
Dr P Bishop (PB)  
Dr J McGuigan (JM)  
Dr V Joshi (VJ)

**CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

Mr V Jairath (VJ) (LPC)

Mr C Brookes (CB) (Med Director  
Salford Royal)  
Ms J Lowndes (JL) (Salford  
Council)

**OBSERVERS**

S Ganvir (SG) (representing PM's)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs V Simenoff (VS)  
Mrs K Rowlands (KR) (minutes)

**APOLOGIES**

Dr Jenny Walton (JW)

**AGENDA - PART A**

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None raised.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

Frank Moore NHS Contracts Manager for Spec savers Hearing for the Greater Manchester area and his colleague Tim McKnight attended the meeting to update members on the service and to explore ways of

working with the local community. His presentation covered AQP, the relationship between Spec savers & the NHS, the service they provide, commitments and information on their graduate intake programme.

Following the presentation specific issues were raised concerning the increase of patients coming into practices following a visit to Spec Savers. Members were advised that it was accepted that there had been issues in the past and that the service had fallen down in some areas. Members were also advised that these had been addressed and more emphasis had been placed on clinical evidence when making referrals. Tim McKnight confirmed that the stores did not have a target for the number of referrals.

More information can be found in the slides included with these minutes.



Specsavers presentation.ppt

## 1. REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

No	Subject	Action	Who
1	Audiology Services	Invite Spec savers to next meeting. <b>Update: Done Action Closed</b>	LMC
2	Future liaison with Area Teams. Request for future representation at sub comm. meetings	Contact Rob Bellingham's Secretary to arrange <b>Update: done. RB will be invited to future sub comm. Meetings &amp; where unavailable will send a deputy. Action closed.</b>	LMC
3	Issue with LASCA charging for items that were previously free	Rob Bellingham to investigate. <b>Update: RB did not attend the meeting. Action carried forward.</b>	RB
4	Salford Royal Discharge Summaries – question raised, had anything been done to explain to patients what had happened.	Alan Campbell agreed to contact Chris Brookes. <b>Update: AC unable to attend the meeting. Chris Brookes provided a response noted further into these minutes. Action Closed.</b>	AC

## 2. NHS Salford CCG - Update

Alan Campbell was unable to attend the meeting unexpectedly and therefore there was no update this month.

There was some discussion around CCG's responsibility for complaints surrounding GP's as a provider. Dr Patel (GP) said that the CCG should collect information but it was the area team who would actually deal with anything arising from the information gathered. VS advised that she would be attending a meeting the following day with the Area Team the following day on this very subject – Dr Paul Bishop advised that he would also be attending on behalf of Salford CCG. They agreed to feedback to the next Salford subcom.

## 3. Council Update

Janice Lowndes (JL) gave the following update:

### Integrated care

This program had moved into the next phase. Seven Learning groups had been set up. These were Four multi discipline groups (two in Eccles and two in Swinton) a contact group which had an asset based approach and a technology group. She added that these groups had been meeting regularly and progress was being made.

### Helping families

300 families in Salford had been identified as requiring support. The focus had been on anti social behaviour, children not in school and parents out of work.

### Budgets

Savings across the council were continuing to be made.

### Co-operative commissioning

Work was being done to look at how services could be delivered with the aid of third sector organizations and community groups. An example was given of Homestart an organization who support & train volunteers to assist families with young children deal with the pressures of life.

Discussion ensued surrounding sharing of information between GP practices and the council. It was unclear if this could be done. (JL) agreed to check this with Jenny McGovern. **Action (JL)**

### Stop smoking

Targets had been achieved.

Dr Yates (MY) commented on the positive feedback received from the recent Public Health meeting held on May 1<sup>st</sup> at Sam Platts. She added that the LMC would like to have a relationship with the Health & Wellbeing board but had felt that when this was raised at the meeting there appeared to be some reluctance to agree to this. After further discussion (JL) agreed to raise this with Sue Lightup. **Action (JL)**

#### **4. Healthier Together**

(VS) commented on the increasing pressure to promote 8am – 10pm seven day working and the impact on GPs.

#### **5. Clarity appraisal website charges**

There had been an instance raised by Dr Williams (BW) where colleagues had been denied access to the Clarity toolkit for appraisal information until a fee of £60 was paid.

Members were advised that Dr Gen Wong had been looking into funding for Clarity across Greater Manchester and that it had been thought that future funding would be secured. However this was not the case and funding was denied late in March 2013 which didn't leave Dr Wong sufficient time to communicate this before he left.

Dr Patel (GP) confirmed that revalidation and appraisal as well as managing poor performance in primary care is within the remit of the Area Team and therefore the CCG are not responsible for funding of the toolkit.

Discussion ensued around other options available and communication across practices. It was agreed that the LMC should advise practices of the situation. **Action LMC.**

#### **6. GP Consumables**

There had been much confusion surrounding charges for items that practices had not previously been charged for, in particular blood bottles. (VS) had been liaising with Harun Patel at the Preston Office of the Area Team (formally known as LASCA) to try and resolve the situation however there was still a lack of clarity. It had been suggested that the bottles used by Salford & Trafford were different to those used across Greater Manchester and were therefore classed as 'special.' After discussion and further comment from Chris Brookes members agreed that it was unlikely that the bottles used in Salford and Trafford were unusual and felt it unlikely that this could be the reason for charge. Dr Bishop (PB) said clarity should be sought on the core contract for pathology services and agreed to raise the issue with Steve Dixon. **Action (PB)**

## **7. NHS 111**

It was noted in the meeting that the Deloitte report commissioned by the Chief Operating Officer had not yet been seen by either the CCG or the LMC.

At this point in the meeting Dr Yates (MY) raised the outstanding action (number 4) on discharge summaries with Dr Chris Brookes (CB) and asked him if he was able to give members an update in Alan Campbell's absence.

Monday June 10th
Monday July 8th
No meeting
Monday Sept 9th
Monday Oct 14th
Monday Nov 11th
Monday December 9 <sup>TH</sup> evening JOINT FOR MEMBERS OF BOTH SALFORD AND TRAFFORD SUBCOMMITTEES In Sam Platts, Trafford Wharf Road, Old Trafford, M17 1EX

The LMC had queried if anything had been done to communicate to patients what had happened with the delayed discharge summaries issue. (CB) confirmed that those patients that had been identified as at risk of harm as a result of the delay had been contacted directly.

### **AOB**

None raised

### **DATES FOR 2013 MEETINGS**

**Held on a Monday 7.15pm – 9.15pm (Buffet 6.45) at Cromptons at the Waterside 1 Parrin Lane Monton, Manchester M30 8AN**