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**Minutes of the Salford Sub-committee  
held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at Novotel, Worsley.**

**Present:**

**EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

Dr Nigel Hyams - Chair (NH)  
Dr Girish Patel (GP)

**CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

Ms L Bowes (LB) – Salford PCT

**MEMBERS**

Dr P Bishop (PB)  
Dr V Joshi (VJo)  
Dr J Walton (JW)  
Dr A Salim (AS)  
Dr B Williams (BW)  
Ms L Rodway (LR) – representing  
Practice Managers in Salford.

**OBSERVERS**

Dr S Power (SP) – Registrar at the  
Sides Medical Centre

**APOLOGIES**

Dr A Ahuja (AA)  
Mr C Brookes (CB)  
Mr Varun Jairath - LPC (VJA)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs Vivienne Simenoff (VS)  
Mrs Kerrie Rowlands (minutes)

## AGENDA - PART A

### 1. REVIEW OF ACTIONS

	Subject	Action from last meeting	Closed/ c/wd	Update/further action	Who
1	Horizon centre cost per patient	This was discussed with Jeremy Tankel who advises he is writing an options paper for the practice and will share this with the LMC	Clsd		
2	NHS Greater Manchester	Email the list of appointed posts to VS	Clsd	Received & included in agenda papers	
3	Hundreds Health	Produce a brief update of changes and future structure	Clsd	Received & included in agenda papers	
4	Ambulance Booking	Send a note to Marie Clayton with suggested change. (leaflet should advise patients that their requirements will be assessed and where they are not entitled, provide them with information on how to claim back any expense)	Clsd	Leaflets have been delivered.	
5	Glucose Tolerance testing	Dr Joshi to send details to VS re instance where consultant insisted on performing this test in hospital	Clsd	Information received. It was noted that this had been copied to the PCT also	
6	MUR Service	Email proposed changes to the LMC	c/fwd	seek information from the LPC	
7	1 months supply perscribing	Question the financial implications of additional dispensing costs for one month prescribing	Clsd	PB highlighted the need to educate patients on the change. BW reminded practices need to use discretion when and where necessary continue to prescribe 2/3 mths.	All

## 2. GP OUT OF HOURS SERVICE SPECIFICATION

(NH) referred to Appendix A produced by Mike Smith.

(GP) raised concern over the quality of training for GP registrars. GP noted that training provision of the service has improved, as has training for patients in using the service more appropriately. He did however raise concern about the risk from not funding the training component appropriately, and LB agreed to raise this with the Deanery.

## 3. OUT OF HOURS & REPEAT PERSCRIPTIONS (Scottish Model)

Appendix B&C were noted. (Direct Referral to Out Of Hours & Urgent Provision Of Current Repeat Prescribed Medicines, Appliances and ACBS Products. NHS Scotland)

It was felt that having a mechanism for Pharmacists to prescribe was a good idea although this would mean they would need access to SIR to understand if the prescription was repeat. However it was agreed that some work should be done to assess how great an issue this is before implementing any changes. **Action: forward documents to Peter Jones & Peter Budden for comment**

## 4. WHITE PAPER & CHANGES TO NHS STRUCTURE

(NH) referred to Appendix D & E (Cluster News update & Board Delegation areas) in which NHS Greater Manchester board members have been identified and delegation areas listed. (NH) highlighted the need to ensure the LMC is provided with regular updates and questioned who would be the link. (LB) said that Fiona Moore would be able to provide updates on Hundreds Health, but it was herself that would be the main link.

## 5. QOF (QP6 – QP11)

Practices who have been seeking clarification on the care pathways for Outpatient referral and Emergency Admissions and whether the indicators need to be new or not. (NH) referred to Appendix F, with information from GPC on this subject. In summary, if it is something new or part of a pilot then it can be adopted as a new indicator. If it's something that has been done previously then it cannot. (LB) suggested that practices follow the guidance notes sent by the PCT on the three pathways which are Headache, Cough and Dyspepsia.

## **6. GP CONSORTIUM UPDATE**

Hamish Stedman has been elected as chair and candidates for other Board positions were being interviewed that week. A further update would be given at the next meeting in September.

## **7. CQC UPDATE**

VS advised that she would have the opportunity to put practice questions to CQC at a meeting the following day. NH asked her to ask "what proof is there that going to see your GP in current premises adversely affects patients health"

## **8. MINOR EYE REFERRALS**

(Information that had come from Croydon Local Optometric Committee on their minor eye referrals scheme was noted. This service had freed up GP's and reduced costs considerably. Therefore it had been shared with LMC's as a matter for consideration. (NH) suggested that the proposals be seen by the commissioning teams. It was noted that the Local Optical Committee approved of this scheme. **Action: LMC to send to Carol Hart**

## **9. LMC/PCT Liaison**

Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July were not yet available. NH gave a verbal report. He said that:

**CQC** - Possible funding has been identified to assist GP's in ensuring they are CQC compliant. Practices have been asked to assess floor coverings, wash basins and seat coverings and feedback by the 28/7/2011 to the PCT. **Action: VS to write to all practices to highlight the urgency, and NH to send her the letter to attach as a reminder for practices.**

**COIN – community of interests network.** Sarah Chambers gave a presentation on the new telephone system COIN. This is in use at PendleburyHealth Centre and the feedback from Andrea Simpson, Practice Manager there, is that cost has been reduced. PB, a partner there said that there are some problems such as it is not possible to record telephone conversations with abusive patients and the system being linked to the computer network. If the computer system fails, the telephone lines would also. (LB) also queried their support service and what service level agreements were in place. The LMC have invited

Sarah to present at the meeting in September to address some of these concerns.

**Access LES.** Surplus Money is available to support practices achieve the LES. The LMC is part of the working group and requires volunteers to get involved. **Action: interested parties to forward their name to the LMC - ALL**

**Minor surgery.** The DOH has issued guidance on what is considered to be the right number of procedures per annum. Members felt that it is not the numbers that are important, it is competencies that are. **Action: Feedback to Steve Elliott. LMC**

Salford Care Homes KPI's - There has been an audit which has highlighted an issue with incorrect use of read codes. A document has been produced by Carol Hart & Dawn Lowe that provides guidance and all practices should be receiving a copy.

Child Health Surveillance – Child Health register and practice databases do not match, only a few using read codes. A template is being designed to assist practices. Please feedback when received. (VJo) said that she has already designed something. Dr Joshi will compare it to the one created by Dawn Lowe and feedback any suggestions. **Action: (NH) to send template to (VJo). (VJo) to feedback suggestions to Dawn Lowe.**

## **AOB**

Reference was made to :

1. Protecting Young People – Responsibilities visit website:  
[http://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/news\\_consultation/8411.asp](http://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/news_consultation/8411.asp)

2. GPC Negotiator Roadshow  
Weds 2/11//11 7pm – 9pm (food 6pm)

Hough End Centre  
Mauldeth Road West  
Chorlton  
M21 7SX

**NEXT MEETING –. NOVOTEL, WORSLEY BROW.**  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September– NOVOTEL**  
**PRECEDED BY A BUFFET FROM 6.45PM, AND AFTER**  
**THAT:**

**MONDAY OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> – NOVOTEL**  
**MONDAY NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> – NOVOTEL**  
**MONDAY DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> – SAM PLATTS**