



# Cleveland Local Medical Committee

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Minutes and reports of the meeting of Cleveland LMC Limited commencing at 7.06 pm on Tuesday 14 July 2015 in The Maureen Taylor Conference Suite, Stockton Riverside College, Harvard Avenue, Thornaby, Stockton on Tees, TS17 6FB.

**Present:**

Dr J T Canning	Dr W J Beeby	Dr J A Birch
Dr G Chawla	Mrs V Counter	Dr R Craven
Dr K Ellenger	Dr G Fernandez	Dr S Gandhi
Dr J Grainger	Dr M Hulyer	Dr R A Liddle
Dr R McMahon	Dr B Posmyk	Dr S Selvan
Dr P Singh	Dr J Walker	

**In Attendance:** Ms J Foster: Chief Executive  
Mrs J Jameson: Office Administrator

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## 14/07/01 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been **RECEIVED** from Dr M Speight, Dr R Roberts, Dr O Sangowawa, Dr J Gossow, Dr S Garud, Dr M Betterton, Dr A Adebisi. Dr J Hameed, Dr J Berry, Dr H El-Sherif, Dr Mansoor, Dr A Thornley, Dr D Abdulrazzaq, Dr T Nadah, Dr N Miller, Dr S Zaman and Dr Lamprecht

**NOTED.**

## 14/07/02 APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR

Dr M Hulyer had been nominated as a Limited Company Director. No other expressions of interest were received. Appointment of Dr M Hulyer will be ratified in the AGM meeting, 15 September 2015.

**14/07/03 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 May 2015 (previously circulated)**

These had been circulated to members and, with the addition of Dr M Speight in Apologies for the last meeting, were **AGREED** as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman

**14/07/04 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**  
**(Note: Standing Orders require Members to notify the LMC office by noon on the day of the meeting of any other matters they wish to raise)**

There were no matters arising from previous meetings.

**14/07/05 REPORT FROM ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF LMCs: 21/22 MAY 2015 @ LONDON**

Drs Canning, Birch, McMahon and Chawla had attended on both days. As already reported in the press, it was a relatively positive conference.

Dr R McMahon had been re-elected to the Agenda Committee and Dr J Canning had been re-elected to GPC.

Traditionally CLMC are allocated 3 places for LMC Annual Conference usually occupied by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. It was **AGREED** Dr J Birch will attend as Chairman. Dr J Canning and Dr R McMahon will attend through their GPC roles, potentially, leaving 2 vacant CLMC places. It is important CLMC utilise all allocated places for representatives to ensure constituents are fully represented. Board Members were requested to consider whether they wish to attend as a CLMC Representative; this early notification should facilitate planning. It was confirmed that an attendance allowance is paid and reasonable expenses including accommodation and travel.

LMC Annual Conference is traditionally held toward the end of May; confirmation of dates and venue will be provided as soon as possible, at which point formal nominations will be sought.

**NOTED.**

**14/07/06 GENERAL PRACTICE, NEW CARE MODELS AND INTEGRATION**  
**BMA discussion documents attached**

The NHS England 'Five Year Forward View' set out several new care modules designed to dissolve traditional boundaries between general practice, community service, hospitals and social care.

Board Members were asked do CLMC need to move forward new models of care? Are there further things CLMC can do? Considering representation of constituents, is it CLMC's role to facilitate or start the ball rolling in this area?

Lengthy discussion took place. It was suggested that locally there are lots of challenges/barriers to developing new models of care, particularly identifying leaders with time to drive this area of work given the current pressures experienced by general practice. This is hindering progression and attendance at meetings.

Dr J Walker provided an update with regard to developments in South Tees CCG area. There is little movement to date but it is hoped collaboration from the STAR project will, potentially, help this area gather momentum. There is a meeting planned in October with the aim to gather GPs and facilitate discussions.

Practices in Hartlepool and Stockton CCG area are further ahead in their development. Dr M Hulyer provided an update with regard to work the practice's 'Steering Group' had undertaken and the 'gradual evolution/practice involvement'.

It was expressed that the current recruitment crisis is a key driver in progressing collaborative working, along with bidding for future contracts and provision of existing work. However, a lack of clarity as to what needs to happen/change leaves constituents with uncertainty as what they are working towards.

It was acknowledged there are tensions between flexibilities and developing new ways of working versus confines of regulations and capacity.

There was discussion with regard to contractual obligations, competency and indemnity/MDO cover. Attention was particularly drawn to the importance of ensuring secondary care doctors employed to provide primary care services have appropriate qualifications in place, including Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT).

Both CCGs will continue to support emerging groups but are clear with regard to conflicts of interest.

CLMC has an important role in protecting constituents by ensuring developments are safe and legal. CLMC will maintain a watching brief and will continue to support/facilitate as appropriate. Emerging groups are encouraged to seek CLMC advice/support as required.

**NOTED.**

## **14/07/07 GP CO-COMMISSIONING**

Both CCGs provided an update as to how co-commissioning was progressing in their area and their initial considerations as to whether they will be seeking 'full delegation' in their intentions submission to NHS England

Co-commissioning is still in early stages with only 2 meetings being held in each CCG area to date.

The structure is in place with NHS England and CCG voting members with invited representatives from CLMC, Local Authorities and Health Watch. Discussions are taking place with all parties with regard to how the decision making processes can be expedited and, where required, out of committee decisions can be made.

Both CCGs currently have joint co-commissioning, the intention being to test this process first prior to considering full delegation. HaST CCG have been clear their intention was always to progress to full delegation if this was possible and agreed by members.

Fully delegated commissioning appears to be the national direction of travel.

Both CCGs agreed the need to make a decision by the end of October 2015 leaves a very tight timeline but recognise the importance for member consultation. Both plan consultation events with member practices in September prior to submission to NHS England.

**NOTED.**

### **14/07/08 SMS SERVICE**

Members were reminded that the funded SMS service was to be withdrawn by HSCIC from 31st September and NHS England had advised CCGs should fund this or an equivalent/better SMS service for practices in the future. Whilst this statement remained on the NHS England public website, CCGs had received information directly from NHS England retracting this message and advising CCGs they were under no obligation to provide SMS services to practices.

The Chief Executive had raised this issue with the GPC for further investigation/clarification.

In light of this new information, both CCGs were asked as to their plans for an SMS service?

Feedback from both Members and constituents was this is an important and required service. Board Members advised that it is more than a useful service and that practices found the service both beneficial to patient and practices as there were less DNAs when the SMS service was in use. Given the existing financial constraints and cuts facing practices they are not in a position to fund a service themselves.

CCGs advised NECS were currently assessing the service and a paper would be brought to the CCG Governing Bodies for decision.

Members advised of urgency to this decision making as some practices were currently facing pressure from alternative IT providers whilst others were deterred from putting in place this useful service until they were sure there will be continuity for patients.

The Secretary advised Members that if the SMS service on their personal NHS mail account is not used within a 4 week period it is withdrawn under the current system.

Members **AGREED** practices need the SMS Service

It was **AGREED** that CCGs would keep CLMC informed on what was happening with the SMS service.

## **14/07/09 SECRETARY OF STATE'S 'NEW DEAL'**

Discussion took place on the content of the Secretary of State's speech, 19 June 2015.

The Secretary highlighted that evidence/statistics with regard to the provision of more doctors had been sought from the Department but to date they have not been provided.

**NOTED.**

## **14/07/10 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

No reports received.

## **14/07/11 MEETINGS ATTENDED BY LMC SENIOR OFFICERS (since LMC Board Meeting on 12.05.15)**

13.05.15	South Tees STAR Meeting @ North Ormesby Health Village – Janice Foster
14.05.15	Integration Programme Board @ North Ormesby Health Village – Julie Birch
14.05.15	HaST CCG Meeting @ HaST CCG Office– Janice Foster / Julie Birch
19.05.15	BMA NERC Council Meeting @ Durham Cricket Club – Julie Birch
20/21.5.15	LMC Annual Conference @ Logans Hall, London – Janice Foster, Julie Birch, John Canning, Rachel McMahon, Girish Chawla
02.06.15	HaST Systems Resilience Group @ HaST CCG Office – Janice Foster
04.06.15	HaST QIPCG @ HaST CCG Office – Janice Foster
09.06.15	ST CCG Governing Body GP Succession @ LMC Office – Janice Foster
10.06.15	ST CCG Leadership @ ST CCG Office – Janice Foster
10.06.15	South Tees STAR Meeting @ North Ormesby Health Village – Julie Birch
11.06.15	TMGG Meeting @ HaST CCG Office Billingham – Julie Birch
12.06.15	DDT AT/LMC Meeting @ NHS E, Darlington – Janice Foster, Julie Birch
17.06.15	ST CCG Urgent Care @ ST CCG Office – Janice Foster
17.06.15	ST Co-Commissioning Committee @ ST CCG Low Grange Office – Janice Foster
18.06.15	Rehabilitation Strategy Programme @ ST Business Centre – Julie Birch
25.06.15	ST Integration Board Meeting @ ST CCG Low Grange Office – Janice Foster
26.06.15	Practice Meeting re Premises – Janice Foster
29.06.15	NERC Executive Meeting @ Holiday Inn, Washington – Julie Birch
29.06.15	ST Integration Board/GP Choices Meeting @ ST CCG Low Grange Office – Janice Foster, Julie Birch
01.07.15	NECR LMC @ Holiday Inn, Washington – Janice Foster, Julie Birch, Rachel McMahon
02.07.15	HaST QIPCG @ HaST CCG Office – Janice Foster
02.07.15	ST Integration Board/GP Health Meeting @ ST CCG Low Grange Office – Janice Foster, Julie Birch
09.07.15	Meeting with Christine Keen, Director of Commissioning, NHS E @ LMC

	Office – Janice Foster, Julie Birch, John Canning
14.07.15	HaST Co-Commissioning Committee @ One Life, Hartlepool – Julie Birch

**NOTED.**

## **14/07/11.1 REPORT FROM NECR LMC MEETING – APPRAISER ALLOCATIONS**

Following a discussion at the NECR LMC meeting, Members views were sought on prospective changes to the appraisal system and the move to appraiser allocation. Currently GPs select an appraiser whereas next year GPs will be allocated an appraiser. There is a process for either GP or Appraiser to reject the allocation, this will require written notification as to the grounds for rejection e.g. conflict of interest.

Appraiser/GP will be matched by geography but there was no scope to match utilising any additional criteria e.g. special interests. NHS England strongly wants appraiser allocation.

There was lengthy discussion where many reservations to this system were expressed.

Particular concerns were raised around the requirement of the need for a GP to select an appraiser who has an insight into that GP's area of work e.g. specialties, portfolio GPs, CCG work.

There were strong views that this system would undermine some of the key principles of the appraisal system, trust and support. An allocated appraiser would not encourage openness as the GP may not trust/know this person.

One benefit could be in assisting GPs/Appraisers who previously had difficulty in finding an appraiser/appraisee. In these circumstances it was agreed that the allocation system could be helpful but should be optional.

It was **AGREED** CLMC advise NECR LMC of the strength of feeling and reservations expressed; supporting NECR LMC with NHS England discussions.

## **14/07/12 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS**

### **14/07/12.1 Service delivery changes and premises – NHS England and MDO notification**

The Chief Executive reminded Members of the need to information NHS England with regard to practice changes to premises, rent, change of landlord, change of service delivery including joint working. The Chief Executive requested Members remind practices of this requirement and practices who are planning changes can contact CLMC, who will inform them of the required notifications to NHS England and other bodies.

Members were reminded of the importance of adequate MDO cover; with more GPs working differently it is important that MDOs are advised to ensure correct indemnity cover.

## 14/07/13 ANY OTHER NOTIFIED BUSINESS

There was no other notified business

## 14/07/14R RECEIVE ITEMS

### 14/07/14.1R Medical List

#### Applications:

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Partnership</u>	<u>Practice Area</u>
05.05.15 <i>Joined Salaried GP.</i>	Dr A C Parker	Dr Royals & Partners	Middlesbrough
22.06.15 <i>Joined Salaried GP.</i>	Dr Z Yasmeen	Thornaby & Barwick Medical Group	Stockton
20.07.15 <i>Partner.</i>	Dr A Tawfig	Woodlands Medical Practice	Stockton
01.07.15 <i>Joined Partner.</i>	Dr C Sunkavalli	Thornaby & Barwick Medical Group	Stockton

#### Resignations:

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Partnership</u>	<u>Practice Area</u>
29.05.15 <i>Resigned Salaried GP.</i>	Dr Z Yasmeen	The Manor House Surgery	Middlesbrough
03.07.15 <i>Resigned Partner.</i>	Dr P N O Nemeth	Hart Medical Practice	Hartlepool

#### **RECEIVED.**

### 14/07/14.2R Report the receipt of:

GPC Newsletter – April 2015 - available on [www.bma.org.uk](http://www.bma.org.uk)  
Minutes of NE & Cumbria LMC's meeting held on 29 April 2015

**14/07/14.3R          Date and time of next meeting**

**Tuesday, 15 September 2015: 7.00 p.m. : The Maureen Taylor Conference Suite, Stockton Riverside College, Harvard Avenue, Thornaby, Stockton on Tees TS17 6FB.**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

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