



Cleveland Local Medical Committee

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Minutes and report of the meeting of the Cleveland LMC Limited commencing at 7.45 p.m. on Tuesday, 12 March 2013 at Norton Education Centre, Norton, Stockton on Tees TS20 1PR.

Present:

Dr I Bonavia (Chairman)	Dr S H M Arifulla	Dr M Betterton
Dr J-A Birch	Dr A Boggis	Dr J T Canning
Dr G Chawla	Dr R Cheema	Mrs V Counter
Dr R Craven	Dr H El-Sherif	Dr K Ellenger
Dr R J Gossow	Dr J Hameed	Dr M Hulyer
Mrs C Hurst	Dr E K Mansoor	Dr R McMahan
Dr N Miller	Dr H Murray	Dr T Nadah
Dr R Roberts	Dr S Selvan	Dr P Singh
Dr R Singh	Dr M Speight	Dr C Wilson

In attendance:

- Dr R Cheema : Woodside Surgery
- Dr R Singh : Endeavour Practice
- Ms J Foster : Development Manager
- Mrs C A Knifton : Office Manager

Dr Bonavia explained that he was the LMC Vice Chairman and was sitting in for Dr Donovan, the Chairman, who was indisposed

13/03/1 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Dr S Byrne, Dr D Donovan, Dr I Guy, Dr C Harikumar, Dr M Hazarika, Dr H Lamprecht, Dr N Rowell and Dr O Sangowawa.

13/03/2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 January 2013 (previously circulated)

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

13/03/3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no matters arising from previous meetings.

13/03/4 REPORT FROM CONTRACT ROADSHOW EVENT
Tuesday, 12 February 2013 @ Norton Education Centre

The Secretary reported that there had been 100 attendees at the event. Some Practice Managers had been upset by a comment he had made and he explained that he had remarked that when a Practice Manager retired, replacing like with like was not always a wise choice and the opportunity should be taken to assess what a practice is doing, how it can be more efficient and, for example, consider a move to appoint a more "business-minded" person to deal with the tight financial restraints being placed on practices and the need to calculate the cost of providing services to patients.

NOTED.

13/03/5 REPORT FROM ANNUAL OPEN MEETING

It was felt there was no need for a report as all members had been present.

AGREED.

13/03/6 CONFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEES 2013

13/03/6.1 Receive report that the Conference will be held on 23/24 May 2013 and that the representatives from Cleveland LMC will be Drs Donovan / Bonavia / Birch

The CLMC representatives were normally the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Assistant Secretary, the Secretary would be attending Conference in another capacity. The Chairman was wanting to attend but it was not known if he would be able to, which meant that another GP on the Committee could attend in his place.

Post meeting note: Dr Girish Chawla expressed an interest and would notify the LMC office accordingly, once arrangements had been put in place.

NOTED.

13/03/6.2 Consider letter from Dr Michael Ingram, Chairman of Conference of LMCs

"With the deadline for the submission of motions for the LMC Conference occurring at the end of the month (12 noon, Monday 25 March), the Agenda Committee would like to highlight their proposal that this year the 'Major Debate' section of the Conference agenda looks forward and considers some of the issues that general practice will have to address when it looks to its future evolution. The pace of change seems to rise exponentially and the need to debate the likely consequences of those changes is important in formulating the policy of the profession.

Many motions already considered for Conference are likely to encompass some of these thoughts, but to ensure all LMCs are able to be involved in this debate, we are writing to highlight this section of the agenda.

In considering how we will work in the future, and how to change and adapt to survive, some headline factors may be:

- How should general practice evolve?
- How should GPs work? Eg independent contractor, salaried, portfolio locums etc
- What should the structure of general practice be? Eg federated, large practices merging, vertical integration with the trust, salaried service; if so, NHS, private? Different types of models working together, etc
- How should out of hours work?
- What should the career structure be?
- What are the demographics of general practice and how is this likely to affect the structure?
- What about the position of trainees moving into practice?
- Encouraging careers in general practice
- How to engage young and sessional GPs
- What about the future of the four countries - United as a Kingdom or four separate services?

These are just examples to whet the appetite.

Conference is run for LMCs and by LMCs. The purpose of this communication is not to restrict or direct motions on any topic of importance to LMCs, but to ensure that by flagging up the subject of the Major Debate in advance, LMCs have the opportunity to engage in that part of the agenda.

Please do submit motions in the usual way.

The Standing Orders of the Major Debate are appended below:

1. *In a major issue debate the following procedures shall apply:*
 - 1.1 *the agenda committee shall indicate in the agenda the topic for a major debate*
 - 1.2 *the debate shall be conducted in the manner clearly set out in the published agenda*
 - 1.3 *the debate may be introduced by one or more speakers appointed by the agenda committee who may not necessarily be members of conference*
 - 1.4 *introductory speakers may produce a briefing paper of no more than one side A4 paper*
 - 1.5 *subsequent speakers will be selected by the chairman from those who have indicated a wish to speak. Subsequent speeches shall last no longer than one minute.*
 - 1.6 *the Chairman of GPC or his/her representative shall be invited to contribute to the debate prior to the reply from the introductory speaker(s)*
 - 1.7 *at the conclusion of the debate the introductory speakers may speak for no longer two minutes in reply to matters raised in the debate. No new matters may be introduced at this time.*
 - 1.8 *the timing and method for voting on motions covered by or arising from a major issue debate will be determined by the agenda committee and published in the agenda.*

I look forward to meeting you all in May."

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13/03/6.3 Consider Motions to LMC Conference – deadline 25 March 2013

Motions will be circulated to members for their approval, once they had been formulated, prior to being submitted to the Conference Agenda Committee. The Secretary was thanked for his efforts.

AGREED.

13/03/7 LOW MOLECULAR WEIGHT HEPARINS (LMWH)
Extract from NHS Tees Prescribing Matters Newsletter February/March 2013

"The Acute Trusts have agreed to develop a standard protocol across Tees for pre-operative heparin bridging which secondary care will undertake. This may result in some additional Secondary Care activity.

*They have also agreed that for post-operative thromboprophylaxis requiring LMWH, patients will receive **14 days' supply of LMWH on discharge**, with the GP to be responsible for review and any further supply needed depending upon mobility, **AND** that the discharge letter will provide detail of the procedure, recommended LMWH dose & suggested treatment duration, **dependent upon mobility.**"*

The LMC Assistant Secretary sat on the Medicines Management Committee and had not heard about this topic at all, nor of any GP who had agreed to undertake the work.

It was commented that Hartlepool do not do this at all and do not prescribe. Other members were concerned at their competency to prescribe the drug or to judge "dependent upon mobility". Whoever prescribes the medication takes on the responsibility for that patient – not the consultant who has asked GP to prescribe. Doctors should be encouraged to say "no".

It was **AGREED** that the Assistant Secretary take this up with the Medicines Management Committee.

Practices were asked, once again, to notify the LMC Development Manager – janice.foster@tees.nhs.uk – of examples of work they are being asked to undertake by PCTs/CCGs/Trusts/DWP, etc so that remedial action can be taken.

Discussion also centred around an LMC presence at Practice Managers meetings in order to answer the increasing number of queries being raised at those meetings that the Group Chairman was unable to answer. It was pointed out that only Stockton and Middlesbrough Practice Managers groups invited the Development Manager to their meetings.

NOTED.

13/03/8 GP DEFENCE FUND – 2013 LEVY
Extract from letter received from GPDF Treasurer

"I am well aware of the financial pressures facing GPs at the moment and by careful budgeting and planning I am pleased to be able to reduce the levy for 2013 by 3% to 5.6p per patient."

The levy for 2013 will be £32,500. The levy for 2012 was £33,350.

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13/03/9 REVIEW OF ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE & MILEAGE wef 1 April 2013

Members are currently paid £45.00 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** that:

- The mileage allowance should remain in line with the Inland Revenue rate;
- The attendance allowance was linked to the DDRB which was not known at present

13/03/10 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

There were no reports from representatives.

13/03/11 MEETINGS ATTENDED BY LMC SENIOR OFFICERS (since LMC Board Meeting on 22.01.13)

24.01.13	Teesside Cervical Screening Programme Board @ Preston Hall Museum – Julie Birch
24.01.13	NDUC TIUCCN Meeting @ Teesdale House – Janice Foster
30.01.13	GPC/LMC Roadshow @ Gosforth Park – Janice Foster
31.01.13	Home Visits meeting with Richard Harrety @ Teesdale House – Janice Foster
05.02.13	NEPCSA catch-up meeting @ LMC – John Canning / Janice Foster / Chris Knifton / Denise Jones / Wendy Stephens
12.02.13	LMC/ST CCG Meeting @ NOHV – Henry Waters / Amanda Hume / Julie Birch / Janice Foster
12.02.13	Contract Changes 2013/14 @ Norton Education Centre – John Canning / Iain Bonavia / Janice Foster / Chris Knifton
13.02.13	LMC / NT&H CCG Meeting @ Teesdale House – Ali Wilson / Poz Posmyk / John Canning / Janice Foster / Julie Birch
14.02.13	Tees Medicine Management Committee @ Riverside House – Julie Birch
19.02.13	EPS Board Meeting @ Riverside House – Janice Foster
26.02.13	111 Pre-Assessment Meeting @ Teesdale House – John Canning / Janice Foster
26.02.13	111 Clinical Governance Group @ Teesdale House – John Canning / Janice Foster
27.02.13	Whole System Stakeholder Event, Wynyard Rooms – Julie Birch
28.02.13	Middlesbrough Practice Managers Meeting – Janice Foster
04.03.13	H&S CCG Open Meeting @ Norton Education Centre – Janice Foster
05.03.13	111 Clinical Review @ Durham Cricket Club – John Canning
07.03.13	Rachel Woodall, Services provided by GMC @ LMC – Janice Foster
07.03.13	Andrew Rowlands re LES's communication to practices @ LMC – Janice Foster
12.03.13	LMC/ST CCG Meeting @ NOHV – Amanda Hume / Janice Foster / Julie Birch

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13/03/12 ANY OTHER NOTIFIED BUSINESS

13/03/12 Location of future meetings of Cleveland LMC

Norton Education Centre was to be closed in the near future and LMC meetings would be held at:

The Maureen Taylor Conference Suite
Stockton Riverside College
Harvard Avenue
Thornaby
Stockton on Tees
TS17 6FB

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13/03/13 RECEIVE ITEMS

13/03/13.1 Medical List

Applications:

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Partnership</u>	<u>Practice Area</u>
04.03.13 <i>Salaried GP.</i>	Dr R Ramesh	Woodbridge Practice	S PCT
15.01.13 <i>Salaried GP.</i>	Dr R B M Burch	Woodbridge Practice	S PCT
01.01.13 <i>Salaried GP. APMS.</i>	Dr J S Villaret	Park End Medical Centre	M PCT
01.01.13 <i>Salaried GP. APMS.</i>	Dr J S Villaret	Hemlington Medical Centre	M PCT
01.02.13 <i>Salaried GP.</i>	Dr S Ismail	Park Surgery	M PCT
01.02.13 <i>Salaried GP.</i>	Dr R Qureshi	Park Surgery	M PCT
01.01.13 <i>Salaried GP became a Partner.</i>	Dr G Hodgson	Normanby Medical Centre	R&C PCT
06.02.13 <i>Salaried GP.</i>	Dr A H Raja	South Grange Medical Centre	R&C PCT
29.04.13 <i>Returning from superannuation break.</i>	Dr B W Clements	Brotton Surgery	R&C PCT

Resignations:

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Partnership</u>	<u>Practice Area</u>
15.12.11 <i>Resigned. Salaried GP.</i>	Dr G R R Bethapudi	Hartlepool NHS Healthcare Centre	H PCT
10.07.13 <i>Retiring. GMS Partner.</i>	Dr H F Geoghegan	The Roseberry Practice	S PCT
31.03.13 <i>Resigned. GMS Partner.</i>	Dr T C O Kwan	Woodbridge Practice	S PCT
30.06.13 <i>Retiring. GMS Partner.</i>	Dr N G Reynolds	Yarm Medical Practice	S PCT
28.02.13 <i>Resigned. Salaried GP.</i>	Dr M Y S Kukah	Westbourne Medical Centre	M PCT
30.03.13 <i>Retiring. PMS Partner.</i>	Dr A J H Stocking	The Coatham Surgery	R&C PCT
09.04.13 <i>Superannuation break. Returning 29 April 2013.</i>	Dr B W Clements	Brotton Surgery	R&C PCT

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**13/03/13.2 Change of Name
Communication from NEPCSA Contractor Services**

"Dr Alexandra Jane Thomas, Bank House Surgery, Hartlepool, has changed her surname and will be known as Dr Alexandra Jane Muirhead."

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**13/03/13.3 Change of Telephone Number
Communication from NEPCSA Contractor Services**

"Normanby Medical Centre will change telephone numbers from 08444 773872 to 01642 511660 on 14 March 2013."

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13/03/13.4 Report the receipt of:

GPC Newsletter Issue 7 – Friday, 22 February 2013 – available on www.bma.org.uk
Sunderland LMC Minutes of meeting held on 20 November 2012

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13/03/13.5 Date and time of next meeting

**Tuesday, 7 May 2013 : 7.00 p.m. : The Maureen Taylor Conference Suite, Stockton
Riverside College, Harvard Avenue, Thornaby, Stockton on Tees TS17 6FB.**

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There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Date: Chairman: