

HIGHLAND LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE

**Tuesday 21st October 2014
Board Room, Assynt House, Inverness at 3.00pm**

AGENDA

Timings

- 3.00pm 1. Welcome and apologies - **for information**
- 3.05pm 2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th August 2014 - **attached for approval**
- 3.10pm 3 Matters Arising from the Minutes (not otherwise on the agenda)
- 3.15pm 4. Committee Membership
- 4.1 GP Sub and LMC Members – **attached for information**
 - 4.2 GP Sub and LMC Associated Committees – **attached for information**
 - 4.3 Trainee Rep Induction to LMC – update Sue
 - 4.4 Request for Rep – Chronic Pain Service Improvement
- 3.25pm 5. Update from other groups - **for information**
- 5.1 GP Reps/GP Sub – **anything to report from the Chairman**
 - 5.2 Chairman's Group Meeting 30th September 2014 - **anything to report from the Chairman**
 - 5.3 SGPC Update - **attached for information**
 - 5.4 Any other groups
- 3.35pm 6. Heads UP/Issues
- 6.1 ABI Data – Review of Process – Update Sue
 - 6.2 Levies and Communication with Practices (2C Practices) and Sessionals – Update Lindsay
 - 6.3 QoF Pathways / Living Life and Depression Guidelines – on NHS Highland website – for info
 - 6.4 Press Meeting – **presentation from BMA attached for information**
 - 6.5 Pre Op Patients Being Re-Routed to Other Hospitals - Update
 - 6.6 Dental Anticoagulation
 - 6.7 Remote Access Proposal - **attached for information**
 - 6.8 Appointment of New Consultant Geriatricians – 2.4 FTE
 - 6.9 ABI SBAR
- 4.00pm 7. Philip Wilson – Professor of Rural Medicine and Primary Care – Aberdeen University
- 4.20pm 8. Enhanced Services Basket
- 4.35pm 9. Secondary Care Workload Being Passed to Primary Care
- 4.40pm 10. LMC Policy and Administrative Matters
- 10.1 GP Counselling Service – Update Lindsay
- 4.45pm 11. Management Unit Issues
- 11.1 Argyll and Bute Issues
 - 11.1.1 Pre Chemotherapy Bloods Argyll and Bute – Update Peter Von Kaerne
 - 11.2 North and West Issues
 - 11.2.1 OOH Ross-Shire – Ishbel Hartley
 - 11.3 South and Mid Issues – Nothing Noted
 - 11.4 Sessional / Locum Issues
 - 11.4.1 Rheumatology Cover – Lorien Cameron Ross

11.5 GPs in Training Issues – Nothing Noted

12. AOCB

12.1 Accountants For Next Year

13. Date of Next LMC Meeting – 9th December 2014

14. Dates for LMC Meetings 2015

- 24th February 2015
- 21st April 2015
- 16th June 2015
- 25th August 2015
- 20th October 2015
- 15th December 2015

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Present: Anne Berrie, Chris Williams, Douglas McKeith, Ishbel Hartley, Lorien Cameron Ross, Miles Mack, Peter Von Kaehne (VC), Fiona Neal (VC), Susan Hussey Wilson, Lindsay Dunn (notes)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Jonathan Ball, Iain Kennedy, Claire Robertson, Dave Gillman, Alan Miles, Neil Wright, Martin Beastall and Catherine Higgott.

The meeting was Chaired by Chris Williams in the absence of Jonathan and Iain.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th August 2014

The minutes of the previous meeting are accurate.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes (not otherwise on the agenda)

4. Committee Membership

4.1 GP Sub and LMC Members

This was not discussed.

4.2 GP Sub and LMC Associated Committees

This was not discussed.

4.3 Trainee Rep Induction to LMC

This was not discussed.

4.4 Request for Rep – Chronic Pain Service Improvement

This was not discussed.

5. Update from other groups - for information

5.1 GP Reps/GP Sub – anything to report from the Chairman

The Enhanced Services basket was discussed under item 8

5.2 Chairman's Group Meeting 30th September 2014 - anything to report from the Chairman

- Care at Home, Care Homes and Patient Registration. There is still no consensus from Inverness GPs re named practices for care homes.
- Care Standards Document – this deadline has passed.
- MDS policy - no requirement to complete the appendix - may be used as an adjunct by those requesting a MDS to refer to pharmacist - aim is reduced MDS use
- Paperwork from Pharmacists re Docet Boxes
- Revised Admission, Transfer and Discharge Policy and Guidance

- GP Counselling Service – LMC lay secretary will check they are fully registered and insured.
- Press Training – Debrief
- Practice Visits By Health Board Manager
- Police Abusing System - constituent asked by patient by Police Scotland to see GP to document injuries
- Branded Medicines to Generic Switch
- Enhanced Services – proposal to remove depression from basket and replace with SPSP
- Golden Hellos - keep current scheme until end of financial year and looking to develop a "bespoke highland scheme"

5.3 SGPC Update - attached for information

The Committee were directed to the update.

5.4 Any other groups

6. Heads UP/Issues

6.1 ABI Data – Review of Process

Public Health have requested access to anonymised GP data over and above that submitted under the ABI enhanced service. They wish to ask Albasoft to extract additional anonymised material from the General Practice record. As this is standard GMS data there can be no payment. It is not unreasonable but we feel an opt out service is not ok and that Practices would need to opt in.

Action: Susan to reply saying we are happy to support an opt in situation.

6.2 Levies and Communication with Practices (2C Practices) and Sessionals – Update Lindsay

We currently provide information to all Practices and sessionals regardless of whether they pay their levies. Last year we agreed we would review it this year. It will be discussed at the Chairs Group in November.

Action: Lindsay to provide details of how many practices do not currently pay and to provide this to the Chairs group.

There is also information on our website that is password protected. There is some discussion ongoing at Chairs with regards to website changes and this will be taken to the LMC committee in due course. Chris said that password protection seems to be a barrier to constituents accessing the website, and has been discontinued by the BMA.

6.3 QoF Pathways / Living Life and Depression Guidelines – on NHS Highland website – for info

This is already on the internet and it is quite useful.

6.4 Press Meeting – presentation from BMA attached for information

Gail from the BMA came and talked to the Chairs group and other interested people about speaking to the press.

Action: Lindsay will bring press cards to the next meeting.

6.5 Pre Op Patients Being Re-Routed to Other Hospitals - Update

Sue has written to Deborah Jones but has not heard anything back as yet.

6.6 Dental Anticoagulation

The discussion we had was distilled and sent to Ken. LMC feel this is a dental issue and have not heard anything further on this.

6.7 Remote Access Proposal - attached for information

We have received a proposal from Sam Holden, NHS Highland Research Co-ordinator (Primary Care) who has been looking to find out how/if she can search practice databases. The proposal lacks technical detail but reference is made to a memorandum of understanding. There are some quite difficult information governance issues that need to be considered. Sam had hoped GP Sub would endorse this but we feel more detail is needed before LMC can support it fully although we feel that it is an admirable aspiration. There are a number of concerns about remote named patient data access bearing in mind that Practices are data controllers. It was also thought that Practices would value at least one face-to-face visit.

It was suggested that Sam re-submit a much more detailed proposal.

Action: SHW to write to Sam asking for more detail on her proposal.

6.8 Appointment of New Consultant Geriatricians – 2.4 FTE

Recently, 2.24 Consultant Geriatricians colleagues have been hired to help Martin Wilson cover North Highland with the aim of enhancing the care of the elderly. Martin and his team are aiming to keep the elderly out of the acute setting and some work will be carried out with acute receiving staff. Ken had confirmed that funding was from secondary care. There was discussion about the lack of consultation surrounding this new venture. It was discussed that basic home support eg home care is still insufficient. We agreed to ask Martin to come and speak at GP sub.

7. Philip Wilson – Professor of Rural Medicine and Primary Care – Aberdeen University

Phil spoke at GP Sub as it was felt to be more appropriate.

8. Enhanced Services Basket

Following discussion at GP reps.

The plan across (probably all) is to remove depression from the basket and INR and near patient testing will be put in. This has happened in some areas eg west, and is currently happening in south and mid. The reasoning from S and M is that depression is now covered in QOF. This is untrue, and has been robustly rebuffed by LMC. This was followed by comments at GP reps from IS that HHB are looking to recover funds from anywhere they can and may look at ES. This would be an unbelievably stupid thing for NHS to do, as the work they get for a very small amount of resource in ES is enormous, and would cost them five or tenfold the amount to provide these non GMS services another way.

The problem for LMC is that somehow ES discussions have been devolved to localities, and often GPs there are under the impression that LMC has approved any changes. Last meeting Andrew Buist confirmed that Tayside LMC discusses ES on behalf of the whole of Tayside.

It was agreed to canvas localities to see if they wish LMC to act on their behalf with regard to ES.

It may be that the only thing that we can do is make a strong statement that the LMC are opposed to the addition of extra services to the 'basket' without extra resources, but we appreciate that Practices are being put in an impossible situation as many depend on this funding. The current situation allows HHB to dictate to individual Practices eg removing BASICs and sexual health retainers in North and West.

Action: Sue to contact 12 Practice Forum, GP Network and other locality forums to say that we believe LMC has no option but to advise Practices that they have to make up their own minds about signing the new SLAs, but ask them whether they want LMC to represent them in future.

9. Secondary Care Workload Being Passed to Primary Care

There is no update and this is ongoing.

10. LMC Policy and Administrative Matters

10.1 GP Counselling Service – Update Lindsay

This was discussed under item 5.2

11. Management Unit Issues

11.1 Argyll and Bute Issues

11.1.1 Pre Chemotherapy Bloods Argyll and Bute – Update Peter Von Kaehne

Peter was not present due to a power cut at his Practice.

11.2 North and West Issues

11.2.1 OOH Ross-Shire – Ishbel Hartley

This will be taken to committee in December also.

At present the GPs in Ullapool provide OOH cover from Monday to Friday and the Health Board provide cover at the weekends. Ishbel recently attended a meeting where no agenda was given in advance of the meeting but it became apparent that the Health Board wanted to introduce a nurse practitioner at the weekends. The nurse practitioner will be paid more than the current local GP rate. Agency GP locums are still used by HHB at a huge cost. One regular locum has asked to be employed directly, which would halve agency costs to HHB, but this has not happened.

It may be helpful to have 2 reps on the OOH group– a city and a more rural GP.

Action: Sue and Jonathan to speak to Gail and advise Lindsay how we want to take this forward and who we want to approach.

11.3 South and Mid Issues

Nothing was noted.

11.4 Sessional / Locum Issues

11.4.1 Rheumatology Cover – Lorien Cameron Ross

There is a national shortage of rheumatologists, and Dr Harvie is on his own now, with no holiday cover. Consideration was given to training GPwSIs.

Action: Lorien will speak to the Clinical Directors regarding training up an interested GP.

11.5 GPs in Training Issues

Nothing was noted.

12. AOCB

12.1 Accountants For Next Year

Susan and Lindsay will meet with an alternative accountant to provide a service for next years accounts.

The meeting closed at 5.35pm.