

HIGHLAND LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday 9th December 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 21st October 2014 - **attached for approval**
- 3.10pm 3. Remote Access Proposal – Sam Holden NHS Highland Research Co-ordinator (Primary Care) and Bill Reid Head of E-Health
- 3.30pm 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes (not otherwise on the agenda)
- 3.40pm 5. Committee Membership
- 5.1 Welcome to Roberta Lindemann – Trainee Rep
 - 5.2 Resignation of Catherine Higgott
 - 5.3 GP Sub and LMC Members – **attached for information**
 - 5.4 GP Sub and LMC Associated Committees – **attached for information**
- 3.50pm 6. Update from other groups - **for information**
- 6.1 GP Reps/GP Sub – **anything to report from the Chairman**
 - 6.2 Chairman's Group Meeting 25th November 2014 - **anything to report from the Chairman**
 - 6.3 SGPC update - **attached for information**
 - 6.4 Any other groups
- 4.05pm 7. Heads UP/Issues
- 7.1 Flu and Midwives
 - 7.2 Levies and Communication with Practices (2C Practices) and Sessionals – Update Lindsay
 - 7.3 Pre Op Patients Being Re-Routed to Other Hospitals - Update Sue
 - 7.4 Out of Hours – UCP Led Model
 - 7.5 Community Geriatric Proposals
- 4.25pm 8. Enhanced Services Basket – Update Sue
- 4.35pm 9. LMC Policy and Administrative Matters
- 9.1 GP Counselling Service – Update Lindsay
 - 9.2 Chris Williams – Communications/IT Project and Chairs Group
- 4.40pm 10. Scottish Conference 12th and 13th March 2014
- 5 Attendees by 7th January 2014
 - Motions by 29th January 2014
- 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
 - 11.3 South and Mid Issues – Nothing Noted
 - 11.4 Sessional / Locum Issues
 - 11.4.1 Rheumatology Cover – Update Lorien Cameron Ross
 - 11.5 GPs in Training Issues – Nothing Noted

12. AOCB
13. Date of Next LMC Meeting – 24th February 2015
14. Dates for LMC Meetings 2015
 - 21st April 2015
 - 16th June 2015
 - 25th August 2015
 - 20th October 2015 - TBC
 - 15th December 2015

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Present: Alan Miles, Anne Berrie, Chris Williams, Claire Robertson, Dave Gillman, Douglas McKeith, Ishbel Hartley (VC), Iain Kennedy, Jonathan Ball (Chair), Lorien Cameron Ross, Peter Von Kaehne (VC), Roberta Lindemann (VC), Susan Hussey Wilson, Lindsay Dunn (notes)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Miles Mack, Martin Beastall and Neil Wright.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st October 2014

Page 2 - item 6.1 – Should read payment.

Page 3 – Change to INR and Near Patient Testing instead of Warfarin.

3. Remote Access Proposal – Sam Holden NHS Highland Research Co-ordinator (Primary Care) and Bill Reid Head of E-Health

Sam currently goes out to Practices to carry out data searches for research purposes. This proposal is about creating equity of access to remote and rural practices allowing Sam to offer the service to a lot more patients and practices. We requested some further information at the October meeting:

- Memorandum of agreement for a remote search to take place – Sam confirmed that this would be done on a study by study basis so agreement to one search would not give blanket access.
- Face to face contact would also continue as Sam has built up good relationships with a lot of Practices.
- Technical information relating to location of search - Sam would be in a secure room in New Craigs IT suite. She would log on with a user name and password and searches would be auditable by Practices.
- Sam does not intend to store any information in New Craigs, it will be used purely as an access point. The search process would work in the same way as if Sam was in a Practice.
- Webdex works in areas where the broadband link is slow.
- The intention is to run a pilot of this before rolling it out.
- Sam is contracted and paid by NHS Highland but the money for her salary comes from the Scottish Government.
- This sounds really good and will help the Practices and the LMC supports this.
- Research and Development now send out a newsletter detailing all the current studies, results from past studies and upcoming studies in Highland.

Action: LMC to put some of this on our website and in our newsletter.

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

Press cards – These were distributed to all in the meeting

Pre Op – Sue wrote to Deb Jones a while ago and will follow up on this.

ABI Data – Susan wrote to Elisabeth Smart and asked for an opt-in system to be put in place. Elisabeth made these changes and Susan is happy with the new letter. She also sent a sound bite for the newsletter.

Action: Put in newsletter.

5. Committee Membership

5.1 Welcome to Roberta Lindemann – Trainee Rep

Roberta was welcomed to the meeting.

5.2 Resignation of Catherine Higgott

Catherine Higgott has resigned as rep in East Sutherland. As a result of this, we have a slot on the Psychological Services Committee. If anyone is interested please let Lindsay know.

5.3 GP Sub and LMC Members

We have vacancies in Skye and Lochalsh and East Sutherland and Lindsay is continuing to try and source reps for these areas.

5.4 GP Sub and LMC Associated Committees

Death Certification – Jonathan will sit on this group.

Action: Lindsay to update the list.

Chronic Pain – Lindsay will get further information about how often it is held etc.

Action: Lindsay to get further information

Medicines Utilisation Group – Sue will sit on this group.

Action: Lindsay will update the list.

PMS group – This can come off the list as it was a short term working group.

Action: Lindsay will update the list.

6. Update from other groups - for information

Nothing was noted

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

- **Payment for travel time** - GPs need to have good representation and Ken agreed to a compromise position of £45 to cover people who are out with the hour travel but do not qualify for a full day.
- **Inverness Midwife vaccinations** - Helen Briars and Heidi have now spoken to the Midwives. They are going to try and sort this out but believe there may be an ongoing issue and challenge in Inverness due to time pressure and capacity.
- **Primary School Flu Vaccinations** - School Nurses are still sending children back to Practices. LMC needs to send out a clear consistent message that this is a Public Health campaign.
- **Medicines Care at Home Assessments** - This has now been agreed at PPG group. Patients should be sent to community pharmacists for assessment as to whether they need medicines supervision. Claire Morrison has suggested that information about AWIs which may be requested from GPs goes in a cover note.
- **Termination of Pregnancy** - There is no update on this.

- **SESPS Funding Next Year** –The Diabetes SLA is due up next year and we have already agreed to roll this over for two years. It is looking like we will roll forward the current SESPS funding for two years so it is in step with the basket and diabetes.
- PLT Survey
- Enhanced Services
- Lyme disease

6.2 Chairman's Group Meeting 25th November 2014 - anything to report from the Chairman

- **Care Homes Community Geriatrics**
- **GP Counselling Service** – see item 9.1
- **Levies**
- **Drafting a Highland LMC Communications Strategy** – Chris has expertise and knowledge in this area. We will co-opt Chris onto the Chairs group to work on improving our website. Chris asked the LMC if anyone has been on the LMC website recently and no one present had. Chris feels we should drop the password and use the website and also twitter to keep sending messages out and raising our profile.
- **Enhanced Services basket activity**
- **Organisational Core Standards - Note Summarisation claw back**
- **ACF – AMC minutes will be sent to GP sub**
- **Scottish Conference 12th and 13th March 2015**
 - **5 Attendees by 7th January 2014**
 - **Motions by 29th January 2014**
- **UK Conference - TBC**
- **Cameron Fund Appeal**
- **Personality Disorder**
- **Alister Noble** – Alister attended the Chairs meeting and talked to us on his views of integration in other Health Board areas. He feels locality commissioning of services is the way forward and he is trying to feed into the process nationally.

6.3 SGPC update

Jonathan asked if anyone has any comments. Iain described how SGPC had divided into discussion groups to address questions about the way forward in General Practice.

6.4 Any other groups

- **North and West Operation Unit** – The extent of the cost cutting climate is concerning.

7. Heads up/Issues

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

Lindsay has been doing some work on Levies.

There are 12 non-paying Practices in North Highland. Of these, 3 are vacant Practices, 7 are 2C Practices (one 2C Practice has been taken over since last year) and 2 are GMS Practices. There are 8 non-paying Practices in Argyll and Bute. One of these is a vacant Practice, 1 is a 2C Practice and 6 are GMS Practices.

LMC will encourage these Practices to join by stating that we not only represent them on a local basis but that we are also involved in national negotiations. Work is ongoing.

7.2 Out of Hours – UCP Led Model

This is seen as an inevitability in the future as fewer GPs are willing to staff the service. South and Mid are being proactive and some work is being done with regards to using capacity from South and Mid helping out in other areas. Grampian had a UCP system and changed this back to a GP led rota. There would be issues in rural areas and possible issues with retention of staff in these areas. Orkney may have a successful UCP model that we could look at as they recruited fully trained up UCPs who have stayed in their roles longer term.

7.5 Community Geriatrician Proposals

Martin spoke to GP Sub about this. Three good candidates were appointed to work alongside Martin on this work. The posts were secondary care funded, though Iain pointed out that the change fund has almost all gone to secondary care with none to General Practice. There was acknowledgement that medicine for the elderly consultant numbers had been well below average in Highland, and that Martin has worked very closely with General Practice. There is still concern that there is not sufficient funding for care or general practice to manage increasingly complex patients in care homes or the community. Some of the new geriatricians have no experience of general practice, so maybe some sort of induction to General Practice should be offered. Perhaps Ronald MacVicar could suggest a way of doing this? It will be important to evaluate this service.

7.6 Care Homes

Inverness Practices do not have alignment with Care Homes. The 12 Practice forum have looked at the possibility. Douglas felt that aligning practices to care homes would take considerable work and would need to be resourced. The small amount of funding for the Care Home LES (around £270,000) is not adequate to do the necessary and increasing work.

7.7 Sport Concussion – Medical Role in Return to Play

This was discussed in GP Sub.

8. Enhanced Services Basket

This is ongoing.

9. LMC Policy and Administrative Matters

9.1 GP Counselling Service

Ian Bonner Evans is no longer living in the area so will be removed from our list of counsellors. Marilyn Wemyss will also be removed as she is based in and funded by the Western Isles. The remaining Counsellors Angela Pragg, Jan Barrow, Tine Butterworth and our newest Counsellor Linden Stefaniak are all in the process of providing Lindsay with their insurance documents and details of their supervisors.

9.2 Chris Williams – Communications/IT Project and Chairs Group

We have agreed to co-opt Chris onto the Chairs group to help support a website and communications project.

10. Scottish Conference 12th and 13th March 2015

- 5 Attendees by 7th January 2015

Action: All to let Lindsay know if they wish to attend

- Motions by 29th January 2015

Action: All to submit motions to Lindsay.

11. UK Conference 21st and 22nd May 2015

- 2 Attendees by 9th January 2015

Action: All to let Lindsay know if they wish to attend

- Motions by 23rd of March 2015

Action: All to let Lindsay know if they wish to attend

12. Management Unit Issues

12.1 Argyll and Bute Issues

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

In September it was decided that no payment would be offered and it would be discussed in 2015. Peter asked which GP was involved in discussions and was told no one had attended for a number of months. Andrew Falconer is our rep for this meeting but has not been at any recent meetings. Glasgow has a pre Chemo LES in place and this is Peter's argument.

Action: Peter to put something to the LMC

Action: LMC will ask Glasgow LMC how this is done in Glasgow.

12.2 North and West Issues

Nothing was noted. The Out of Hours issue is ongoing.

12.3 South and Mid Issues

Nothing was noted.

12.4 Sessional / Locum Issues

Nothing was noted.

12.4.1 Rheumatology Cover – Update Lorien Cameron Ross

Nigel Small spoke to Doctor Harvie who does not seem to support a service model involving GPs. Raigmore are saying they have done everything possible but Nigel is going to push to see if some resource can be transferred to Primary Care for a GP to help the service long term. There is a similar issue in radiology.

12.5 GPs in Training Issues

Nothing was noted

13. AOCB

13.1 Medipath Service

Emma Watson is looking for a GP to sit on this group.

Action: Susan to let Emma know we are unable to find someone to sit on the group.

13.2 Prudent Prescribing

Action: Susan to email Richard Weekes.

13.4 Accident and Emergency

Susan will look at this and prepare a response.

Action: Susan to prepare a response.

13.2 SGPC roadshows

The roadshow in Highland is likely to be on Tuesday the 10th of February 2015. It is really important as it will shape the contract in 2017. LMC can talk to Gail to see how best to publicise this.

13.2 Argyll and Bute report

Susan asked Peter what happens in Argyll and Bute with a number of issues:

- Are Argyll and Bute getting the same message about savings? The meetings take place the day after the LMC. At the last meeting the finance report was still reasonably positive. In practice there are probably many things that we don't know about.
- Do Argyll and Bute contribute to Raigmore overspend? Peter is unsure how much Raigmore affects Argyll and Bute.
- Is an OOH Nurse Led Models being pursued in Argyll and Bute? No it is GP led.
- How is integration working in Argyll and Bute? It is more or less contiguous with Argyll and Bute council but the integration agenda is happening with no significant GP involvement. It is very difficult to access Care Packages and Home Carers.

14. Date of Next LMC Meeting

The next meeting is on the 24th February 2015

15. Dates for LMC Meetings 2015

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- 27th October 2015
- 15th December 2015

The meeting closed at 5.20pm.