

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN MEETING OF  
VALE OF AYLESBURY REFERENCE COMMITTEE  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH 2004  
AT MANOR HOUSE  
AT 1:30PM**

**PRESENT:** Drs Beck, Peacock, Jackson & Quiney  
Dr Christopher Tiarks & Jane Solomon  
Dr Robinson & Clare Blakeway-Phillips

**APOLOGIES:** Dr Lilley  
Shaun Brogan & Tim Jones

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**ACTION**

**AYL 1/3/04 Minutes of January Meeting**

The minutes of the January meeting were accepted.

**Matters Arising**

OOHs – the assets issue was discussed by GJ and he said that there was a problem. He said the assets current value was £35,000 and he said the PCT would not pay this sum. CBP said the problem was that there are NHS rules which cover this, GJ said he had to protect the GPs interests but at the same time run the system. The other option was to lease the equipment to the PCT on a daily basis. CBP said she would need to examine this issue further. CT said it was a legitimate use of the quality fund. CBP said OOHs would opt-out of 1<sup>st</sup> November; TP said there was bad feeling amongst the GPs because they felt it was cheaper to keep GPs on board. TP asked of an explanation for the change.

Referral proforma – TP said there was a new problem with the ECHO forms, he said there were issues about workload, confidentiality, insistence on fax referrals etc. This was ill constructed and should have gone to wider consultation. GJ said there was an issue of legality when the forms said that only faxed referrals were acceptable. GJ said it was appropriate that this went to LMAG for consultation and to the clinical committee.

**Action Point:** *CBP to raise the issue with David Becket and Johnny Marshall.*

Access – The endoscopy waiting lists were very long, TP said it was an urgent commissioning issue.

Norden House – CBP said the money was ring fenced to pay for patients flu money etc and for enhanced services.

**CBP**

### **AYL 2/3/04 Locally Enhanced Services**

The baskets of goods were to be discussed at a meeting on the following Friday.

### **Safety & Alert Broadcast System**

CBP said there was a new system of sending out alerts, in future, people would have to report back what they had done with the alert i.e. have they filed it or responded to it etc.

### **Enhanced Services**

CBP tabled a spreadsheet of the proposed spend, a floor of £1.2 million. She said a paper on prioritisation was going to the PEC and how the budget is going to be managed. She said the PCT were not commissioning inter partum care and the provision of intermediate and first response care. CT said counselling funding streams should not come out of enhanced services nor should cover in medical cover in community hospitals or podiatry. He said he would be flagging it up and writing formally to the PCT. It was important that practices could pick and choose which services they would provide.

*CT*

### **PCT Recovery Plan**

CBP said that this was going to be very difficult and that there was a deficit of £4.5 million, she said this was because of cost pressures and lack of central resources. This included continuing care, contribution to Bucks Hospital overspend, commissioning, junior doctors hours and nGMS OOHs. He said £1.1 million is non recurrent so £3.4 million is recurrent and the Strategic Health Authority require all PCTs to break even and manage their own deficit. She said there would be some very difficult decisions to be made to accommodate this.

### **Any Other Business**

CBP said she would be interested to know what type of support GP Practices would require from the PCT.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 26 May 2004 at 1:30pm in the Board Room, Verney House