

**MINUTES OF OPENTHE MEETING OF
VALE OF AYLESBURY REFERENCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2002
AT FAIRFORD LEYS SURGERY**

PRESENT: Drs Jackson, Beck, Peacock
Dr Graham Robinson, Shaun Brogan, Tim Jones
Jane McVea Jane Solomon

APOLOGIES: Drs Lilley, Hood, Loosemore
Clare Blakeway-Phillips
Dr Christopher Tiarks,

ACTION

AYL 1/09/02 Minutes of July Meeting

The minutes of the 24 July meeting were accepted.

Matter Arising

Appraisal. SB said that Claire Blakeway Phillips had written to Nigel Crisp regarding the funding for appraisal but had received no reply. TP said that funding should be used for those who wish to do it rather than spread it too thinly. GB suggested that the LMC write to the GPC and ask them to hassle the government regarding funding. The LMC Committee also raised the issue of funding for those who need support as a result of appraisal.

E-referrals. Linda Lake-Stewart on behalf of the PCT had reviewed the e-referrals system and been very impressed with the system. SB said GPs should go and look at the system, GB pointed out that the high court judgement on this system had rejected it on the grounds of the breach of confidentiality. SB urged the LMC to discuss this after they had examined the system. TP asked what the possible alternatives to this system if they were not happy with it. The LMC Reference Committee suggested that the Caldicot guidelines should be sent to the MPC for guidance. GJ said he did not fundamentally understand why the PCT wanted to know about GP referral data.

Action Point: *CT to set up a meeting with Shirley Haywood.*

SB to provide the process for the e-referral which could be submitted to the defence organisation.

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SB**

IT. Feedback from Kevin Garthwaite is still awaited. Kevin will have to report back to the Tech first before the information can be shared with the LMC.

PCT Nominees - There was a great deal of discussion about this subject. The LMC Reference Committee said that they were not

happy with the process of elections for GP representatives. The

Committee asked whether the guidelines for selection had changed, they felt that they had understood that GPs should be selected on competency and then an election would be carried out. The LMC Committee said that the PCT had not consulted with them in the change of election process. SB denied this and said that they had gone to the PEC and they had been approved, GJ said that the process was not clear and needed to be cleared up before the next election. GJ said that the process for GPs and the PCT should also be formalised, he said that he felt that the GPs who were appointed by the PCT were cherry picked rather than appointed. GR said that the PEC is to be enlarged and a debate as to how members would be appointed would be ongoing.

PCT

Action Point: *PCT to send LMC a copy of the new rules.*

PCT to produce by first meeting on 2003 how PEC members are appointed.

Nice Recommendations

Jane McVea said that these were funded in two ways, for primary care it was in the baseline and for secondary care it was patient identifiable. The money for NICE guidelines is held by the commissioning team. The LMC Reference Committee said there is a major concern about Anti-D and what the GPs legal responsibility towards their patients is. JS said that no process had been recorded for Anti-D but patient route directive was to be done through Stoke Mandeville Hospital and the responsibility for giving Anti-D was that of the midwife staff at Stoke.

PCT

The PCT was asked whether there was a process for NICE Guidelines, Jane McVea said that it would be discussed at the Prescribing Committee and shared.

JMV

Action Point: *PCT to notify all GP Practices about this.*

Jane McVea to report back.

Violent Patients Update

SB said that he and Chris Trower had met with Police recently and that the police were worried about the legality and indemnity issues He said that the police will respond formally in 4 to 6 weeks. This provision is only for out of hours care. The default provision will be that a private security firm would pick up this issue if the police did not. There was another alternative in that the mental health care trust may wish to take on the issue. TP said there is a system up and running in Wales and agreed to investigate this.

TP

Action Point: *TP to investigate system in Wales.*

CHD Update

Requests for defibrillators and ECG Machines had been received at the PCT. GJ asked what happened to the practices who had already purchased these pieces of equipment, did they get retrospective payment. Tim Jones said that purchases would be done on a bulk

purchase basis and service and maintenance would come under the equipment's warranty and that training was also part of the deal. He

equipment's warranty and that training was also part of the deal. He said that not retrospective payments could be made. He said the PCT had only got funding for capital equipment and not for consumables, i.e. additional equipment such as tapes and servicing.

Local Development Scheme Monies

The LMC Reference Committee asked what was happening to the £44,000. SB said that this was in the hands of Clare Blakeway-Phillips.

In House Clinics

TP proposed that the current system of funding some practices for their in house clinics should stop within three to six months, he suggested that pre defined areas such as physio, counselling, INR and podiatry should be bid for by all practices; he said that the current system was unfair and that all clinics should be opened to patients in neighbouring practices. SB said that Chris Williams had set up a group of GPs and practice managers to look at the distribution of physio. TP said that looking at physio alone was inappropriate and that the whole raft of services should be looked at.

PCT

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Action Point: *PCT to take this option to Chris Williams for discussion.*

TP to write a proposal and send to the PCT and copy to JS.

A.O.B

CDAT prescribing - The Committee were informed that a new Medical Officer, Tommy Chung had been appointed so it was hoped that the prescribing problems there would be resolved.

ECMS - There will be a meeting of the countywide LMC on 04/10 and that GR would attend.

SB said that the suggested dinner between members of the Reference Committee and the PCT should take place on 15/10.

SB said that although finance has a 10% growth, because of cost pressures in the system, the Strategic Health Authority had said that all money should go into meeting secondary care targets.

GMS Breakdown - Chris Williams would report back to the LMC Reference Committee.

TJ

Action Point: *Tim Jones to speak to Chris Williams*

Flu - A paper was tabled by Tim Jones. The Reference Committee asked if it was appropriate to spend £9,570 of the £14,570 available on district nurses as some practices do not use district nurses at all.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 27 November 2002 at 1:30pm at
Verney House, Aylesbury