

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN MEETING OF
BRACKNELL FOREST REFERENCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 5 APRIL 2004
AT 2PM**

PRESENT: Drs Murray, Greig, Crampton, Henman, & Halliwell
Dr Christopher Tiarks and Jane Solomon
Joy Blight, Anne Owen and Jenny Barlow

APOLOGIES: Dr Kade
Diane Hedges, David Taylor, Philip Burke, Jonathan Molyneux, Dr Kassianos

ACTION

BF 1/4/04 Minutes of February Meeting

The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Matters Arising

Referral Hub – AO reported that it was going well and referrals were being dealt with within a day and she said that Practice Managers were pleased with only having to send referrals to one point. RH said he had grave concerns about the referral hub, he said only three specialties had been advised. IM said there was no prior consultation. RH said his Practice had fears about the confidentiality and competency of the people who passed on the referrals. The Committee had considerable reservations about the hub and the length of time it would take. IM asked for formal response from the PCT about this issue and AO agreed to supply it.

Action Point: AO to supply formal response.

CT said there must be a clinical override. AG asked if this had been discussed with patients, AO said it would be discussed at the next GP Forum.

IM said the QIP had not yet been paid, AO said she felt embarrassed as she discovered it hadn't been paid when she thought it had.

Action Point: AO said she would check again with the TVPCA.

RH said he would try and arrange to speak to her about the attached staff funding in general practice.

QoF Review – JB tabled a paper about the review visits, AO would be the QoF Lead for the PCT. CT said if Practices did not cooperate, the PCT was within their rights to withhold QoF payments.

Action Point: CT to include this in the next newsletter.

OOHs – IM asked if the PCT had sufficient resources to deliver the service by the 1st October. AO said there was a shortfall of £500,000 across East Berkshire PCTs; she thought it would be too expensive to run three centres. There was a £60,000 cost pressure for the Sandhurst Practice who used another OOHs service. AC said GPs

AO

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CT

have concerns about going down to two sites and there shouldn't be a reduction in the service. AO said it would meet the October 1st deadline but was not necessarily from the site used at the moment. IM said it was important for GPs to know what was going on as soon as possible and what pay a GP could expect for taking part in OOHs. AG asked if there would be a reduction in sites, would patients be transported to them. AO said she recognised the problems and its impact on A&E in reducing the number of sites.

IM asked about the current functioning of the PEC. AO said Gordon Weir, David Norman and Trevor Keeling were still on the PEC, Siobhan Mealier was acting Chair on the PEC at the moment and she represented podiatry.

AG said his seniority was still wrong, JB said Steven Powdrill is the Lead for seniority at the TVPCA and she recommended any email to Steven should be copied to Saleem at the PCT.

nGMS

Enhanced Services – JS updated the meeting about the outcome of the Berkshire meeting regarding the basket of goods. AO tabled a list of enhanced services.

CT said he had a problem with child protection conference attendance and would be writing to the PCT.

Action Point: CT to write to the PCT.

CT

JB said the PCT would submit regular financial reports to the PCT.

Premises – At least two Practices have had a 25% reduction in rental money in their MPIG, it was agreed that Practices had to pay what they were already in receipt of. JB said she had bid for money for practices development and was waiting to see how much the PCT could expect for practice development. She said there was a meeting on 22nd April at the TVPCA regarding premises development.

Goodwill – CT said the regulation had been laid, he said he thought it was both a threat and an opportunity for general practice. IM asked what would happen if BUPA approached the PCT to provide enhanced services.

Locums – CT said they would be re-pricing their services to cover their superannuation and appraisal cost. MH said it might be useful for locums to itemise their costs when billing practices.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 14 June 2004 at 2pm at The Forest End Medical Centre