

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN MEETING OF  
VALE OF AYLESBURY REFERENCE COMMITTEE  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2003  
AT VERNEY HOUSE**

**PRESENT:** Drs Lilley, Peacock, Jackson & Quiney  
Dr Christopher Tiarks  
Shaun Brogan, Clare Blakeway-Phillips, Dr Robinson & Jane McVay

**APOLOGIES:** Dr Beck  
Jane Solomon

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**ACTION**

**AYL 1/12/03 Notes of October Meeting.**

The notes of the meeting held in October were approved (These were not minutes).

**Matters Arising**

None

**AYL 2/12/03 QTD Assessments**

JM spoke on this item, she said that there had been a mistake in the use of the QDT tool in the Masonic House Surgery. It should be only be analysed at Practice level and in the case of Masonic House Surgery it had been over analysed at GPT level, this was wrong and should not have happened. She further more agreed that this tool was only of value to be used at Practice level for information and statistically, was not good enough to draw any conclusions. She therefore, could reassure the Masonic House Surgery on these two points. IQ would take this back to his Practice.

**Action Point:** *CT would write to Dr Robb.*

**CT**

**AYL 3/12/03 Computerised Employee Data**

This item was received.

**Resignation of Dr Nicolaou & Horn Street Update**

CBP said there had been an extended consultation with the public including the local MP, notwithstanding that the PCT had already taken the decision to disperse the list. CT pointed out that there had been a missed opportunity to keep funding within the health organisation in the form of a global sum MPIG if the Practice had been advertised as a whole.

**Mental Health Strategy**

SB reported that Jill Cox, the Acting Chief Executive, who leaves her post at the end of February, had been working in close co-operation with the Chief Executive from the Oxfordshire Mental Health Trust. But this was not an indicator that the two Trusts would merge in the future. The decisions about the strategic direction of the Trust had

yet to be taken and why consultation was underway. CT reported that particularly in the South of the County, grave anxieties were held about the performance of the Trust and that the current reviews would not produce a robust solution. Furthermore, there were anxieties held that the good aspirations outlined in the recent Quilly report could not be implemented as the Trust was severely overspent and there was still 130 vacancies out of 1000 positions within the Trust. SB said that he took on board all these anxieties and would pass them on at appropriate times.

### **Quality Improvement Direct Enhanced Service**

Both the PCT and the Committee repeated their position with regards to the QUIP. CT has taken central advice and is also referring the matter to the Strategic Health Authority for an opinion. The PCT was reminded that this represented part of the GPs pay rise of 1.2%, which should be superannuable in this financial year. The Committee said that they hope the PCT would fulfil its legal obligation to offer every Practice to take part in this directed enhanced service by 1 December as directed in the implementation letter to PCTs from Rob Webster.

### **New Contract Implementation**

There were further discussions about the nationally enhanced services and that Practices should ideally be given draft contracts by the middle of January so that they could undertake their own financial planning. The Committee members emphasised that apart from the directed enhanced services, it would be wise if the PCT concentrated on those national enhanced services that most Practices provided, i.e. INR, Near Patient Testing, IUDs, Advanced Minor Surgery and Drug and Substance Misuse.

### **Agenda for Change – Implications for Practice Nurses**

CBP told the Committee about the agenda for change, which affected the whole of the NHS would necessarily incorporate Practice Nurses. This was where every employee contract was reviewed and made sure it was appropriate and made sure the competencies were being appropriately rewarded. The Committee reminded the PCT that the Practice Nurses were the practitioner's employees but this obviously did reflect best practice and hopefully GPs would implement the agenda for change when they had the time and facility.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 28 January 2004 at 2pm in Committee Room, Manor House