

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN MEETING OF
MILTON KEYNES REFERENCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2003
AT MILTON KEYNES POST GRAD CENTRE**

PRESENT: Drs Carter, Labrum, Kenny, Suleman, Rao, and Rose
Dr Tiarks & Sapsford
Rebecca Green

APOLOGIES: Jane Solomon
Barbara Kennedy, Dr Murthy & Jeanie Ablett

ACTION

MK 1/11/03 Minutes of September Meeting

The minutes of the September meeting were accepted.

Matters Arising

TK has now got all the information concerning the poor quality discharge letter from Milton Keynes Acute Trust and will collate these and liaise with CT.

Action Point: CT confirmed that he would write about the inappropriate behaviour of the Trust in not issuing adequate prescriptions or medical certification and also the issue of "double referral".

CT

Dosette Boxes & Weekly Script

The Committee took up the issue with the PCT and asked them to write to their Pharmaceutical contractors explaining that there was no contractual obligation on GPs to provide weekly prescriptions.

nGMS Contract

The Committee discussed the question of the QUIP (Directed Enhanced Service). The members told the PCT that they were disappointed that the organisation had taken the decision to pay a blanket payment of £1000.00 per Practice across the PCT area. The members regard this as a missed opportunity to strengthen the relationships between contractors and the organisation, which is flagging. It was a Quick win.

RG stated that she was surprised at this reaction as CT sat on the Commissioning Group and although had not been present at the last group, had had the papers. The Committee emphasised the role of CT on the Commissioning Group was to inform debate and not to endorse the Commissioning Groups decisions. RG agreed to take these comments back to the Commissioning Group.

OOHs was discussed briefly. RG informed the Committee that the majority of contractors wished to opt-out and there would be interim arrangements before 31 December 2004, hopefully to achieve a smooth change over from the current arrangements.

Any Other Business

The Eastern Flank and Kents Hill Practice was discussed. The Committee informed the PCT that they supported the concept of advertising the Practice as an entity locally. This meant that the entire list could be bid for by a Practice or an individual within the PCT organisation, which would stop dispersal of the list. This would mean that a global sum and MPIG would be available for whichever person or organisation was awarded the Practice subject to advertisement, submission of business plan and if necessary, appointment process.

Date of Next Meeting

Friday, 9 January 2004 at 2pm at the Post Grad Centre,
Lecture Theatre.