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## MINUTES OF MILTON KEYNES LRC MEETING FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2005 AT THE POST GRAD CENTRE MILTON KEYNES HOSPITAL 1PM

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### Election of Chairman

Congratulations were due to Ron Carter on his election to the post of chairman. RC suggested that as Sian White was also interested in the post and should be designated as Vice Chairman. Over the coming year he proposed to hand more over to her. The Committee agreed with this and thanked RC.

## **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes were agreed as a correct record

## **Election of Dr Kenny as Medical Director of the PCT**

TK said that this post means that she devolves a lot more of her work within the PCT. More overseeing of clinical governance issues now.

## **MK PCT Attitude to Commissioning GP Services**

Now agreed as a 2-tier application process.

## **Minutes being sent to Practices**

Minutes are being sent to practices by email.

## **What's in Essential Services**

Dialogue on practice nurses continues behind the scenes.

There needs to be a definition at the PCT of what services attached nurses and health visitors should do.

The PCT produced a document 18 months ago defining these services

### ***PCT to be asked to provide a copy of this document***

There is nothing in the Regulations which states that a practice must employ nurses. The MK feeling is that part of the global sum is given to GPs to employ nurses. This is not enforceable.

## **Enhanced Services**

The LMC is in dispute with the PCT about this.

It is not clear why a lot of the LES are labeled as enhanced services

A letter had been received from the PCT that states they are happy that everything included complies with the implementation guidance.

A copy of the implementation guidance was tabled and it was not felt that these were being met.

JS reported that at a meeting in the past, Dr Tiarks had accepted the PCT explanation. The minutes of previous meetings had been searched through but no reference could be found to this.

Other members agreed they thought it had been accepted although only for a 12 month period

Discussed at Primary Care Contracting Group last week.

Do not feel the document answers the questions.

Local Development Schemes are allowed to be in, as are GpWSI, although do we have £312,000 of local GP interest?

Specialist Clinics is very vague, but must be ones a GP can do.  
Physio, this has been allowed to be in enhanced services provided if there is no roll over contract.  
A proportion of the £312,000 could legitimately be providing the service but it was questionable.  
There needed to be equity within the area. It needed to be contestable.  
In the past the Red Cross provided physio and this has been rolled over to practices.  
Same argument appears to apply to Psychotherapy, psychology and counseling.  
No definition of the headings have been received, although asked for.  
What is going to happen to the underspend monies? Where will it go?  
Peripatetic Practice Nursing was felt to be a vital service that needed to be in enhanced services.  
There was talk of a LES for summarization of notes to use any underspend.  
The process should be transparent in its detail  
The issues could be disputed and this would go to SHA statistics and fed to Government and GPC  
and they will be counted and recognized.  
It was agreed to give the PCT 3 weeks and if there are no corrections, the LMC would take it further.

### **CRB Returns**

2 outstanding from non-principals. If no response by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2005, they will be removed from the list.  
All principals have returned their paperwork.  
The LMC have received the lists from Oxon and Berks; Bucks was awaited.  
Practices must check the lists at the start to March to ensure their locums are on it.  
New employers must check the list to ensure the GP is on one.  
When this will be repeated remains uncertain.  
The life of a CRB check was also uncertain, it could be as little as 3 months.

### **PCT Administered Funds**

Has there been any cases in Milton Keynes of sickness and practices unable to access local funds?  
The Berkshire policy has been adopted.

*It was agreed to ask the question*

### **Bowel Cancer Screening**

Will this be a national enhanced service? It is national policy  
Locally consultants are saying that this will involve a lot more work for them rather than the GPs.

### **MMR LES**

This is up and running at a cost of £7.28

## **Choose & Book**

Cataracts are going through as choice rather than choose and book  
Waiting list for cataracts are 6 weeks or less  
Unaware if the PCT has a private provider for cataracts.

## **Practice Based Commissioning**

Meeting arranged for 9<sup>th</sup> February 2005.  
100% savings questioned will they be guaranteed?  
The National Guidance is useless.  
Struggling to decide what to commission first. There will be 2 or 3 keys areas which will be concentrated on. This will be discussed on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

## **Computing Strategy**

An extra person has been recruited to the Department  
The IT Support team have a map of what software support is provided to practices, the practices themselves would like to know what others are using but cannot find this out.  
All 4 Bucks PCTs will commission services to support everything except the server which will remain with the supplier.

## **Referral Management Centre**

If you send off a referral, under choose and book the referral can be redirected, without the GP knowing about this.  
This is a clinical decision not a management one  
GPs do not want to have to write more than one letter of referral. State in original letter that you want that person seen at Milton Keynes, nowhere else.  
If a referral is diverted it should be done appropriately with input from the referring GP

## **Date of Next Meeting**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2005

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*	Carter Ron	Chair
*	Kenny Tina	Member
	Labrum Tony	Member (Co-opted)
*	Rao Lakshann	Member
	Rose Eric	Member
*	Suleman Abdulrahim	Member
	Whyte Sian	Member
*	Roblin Paul	LMC Chief Executive
*	Solomon Jane	LMC Director of Development & Liaison
*	Birchall Carol	LMC Minute Secretary