

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN MEETING OF  
MILTON KEYNES REFERENCE COMMITTEE  
HELD ON FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2003  
AT MILTON KEYNES POST GRAD CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** Drs Carter, Labrum, Kenny, Suleman, Rao, and Rose  
& Jane Solomon  
Dr Murthy, Rebecca Green, Jeanie Ablett

**APOLOGIES:** Dr Tiarks, Dr A Sapsford

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**ACTION**

**MK 5/9/03 Minutes of June Meeting**

The minutes of the June meeting were accepted.

**Matters Arising**

SM said that the PCT has not formally dropped the referral scheme but that it was still under review. He added that the PCT had had no formal discussion about dropping the scheme.

**MK 5/9/03 Poor Discharge Arrangements from MKGH**

ER raised the issue of the poor quality of discharge letters from MK Acute Trust particularly in relation to risk and he warned of the ultimate risk of a tragedy taking place.

*Action* JA to take the example of the individual case to identify the issue with the Trust. PCT to include high standards of discharge into the new SLA as one of the quality indicators which could be audited

**JA**

ER said that Peter Johnson in Berkshire had designed some good questionnaires regarding hospital discharge.

*Action* LMC to follow this up.

**CT**

**MK 5/9/03 Poor communication from Provider Arm of the PCT**

ER highlighted the poor communication and the double referrals which took place between different clinical areas of the PCT with particular reference to the Mental Health Services. .

**MK 5/9/03 PCT medical staff not having Prescription Pads**

The committee drew the attention of the PCT to the problem whereby consultants had not been able to issue a patient with a prescription because the consultant said that he had no prescription

pad. The committee said that consultants should have adequate supplies of prescription pads, Med 3 and Med 5s.

SM said that all these issues had been raised at the medical forum

### **MK 5/9/03 Dermatological Conditions**

It was agreed that the principle set down in the letter was acceptable. However they felt that psoriasis should not be on the list per se but should be tabled as 'mild psoriasis'

### **MK 5/9/03 – Confirmation of Death**

ER said that he had recently had an incident where a patient had died and the paramedics had phoned him to ask him to confirm death. It was agreed that there was no need for a GP to confirm death

### **MK 5/9/03 GMS Contract**

RG tabled the project plan for the implementation of the new contract. ER said that most practices would aspire to 1050 quality points.

### **MK 5/9/03 Star Ratings**

JA said that MK PCT had received no stars. They had failed in 4 areas including access to GPs, access to a medical professional, smoking cessation and A & E attendance in 4 hours. JA said that the PCT was working with the Modernisation Agency and had made very good progress in all these areas.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Friday, 7 November 2003 at 1pm at the Post Grad Centre, Room 8.