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Minutes of Milton Keynes LRC/PCT Liaison Meeting

On Friday 20st October 2006, 2pm
At the Milton Keynes Village Practice

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Minutes of Previous Meeting

There was no PCT/LRC Liaison meeting on 21st July 2006

Matters Arising

PCTs financial turnaround – the PCT is £18m in debt. A savings plan has been submitted to the SHA making £7m in savings which leaves a £11m debt. There are high risk assumptions in the savings plan. A Turnaround plan has to be approved by board Savings will be made from: Provider arm, support services, primary care, commissioning.

The PCT had looked at savings in PMS which were not worth pursuing. There was a £300k savings to be made in prescribing. The PCT would look again at enhanced services to see if they are value for money. The biggest challenge is in the dental contract. LDP has got to be revisited and rebased for next 3 years. The PCT is on a 90 day warning.

Price Waterhouse is monitoring the PCT activity on a daily basis.

ER asked how this would affect eastern flank proposal. TW said that £2m had been set aside for primary care development but this may not happen.

ER said how disappointed he was in the PCT and he would make formal complaints to the Health Care Commission.

Population growth

MK population growth is to expand by 40,000 in the next 5 years, which equates to approx 20 GPs. The PCT needs to make plans to make provisions for these patients.

Nursing Homes

Nursing home provision – a 150 bed nursing home opening, this would seriously distort medical provision for other patients.

No member of PCT has discussed this issue with PC. GPs need to know if it is intermediate care and is commissioned by Aylesbury PCT.

DVT Service Contract

MKDOC will provide OOHS service and 2 GP practices are bidding for the in-house service.

Physio & Counselling

Physiotherapy and counselling – Whatever budget is available it should be equitable. Action: PHR to write to PCT to ask why the counselling should not be available to all MK patients.

Parking at MK Post Grad Centre

Parking at the Post Grad Centre has proven difficult. There needs to be the ability for GPs to make visits to the hospital. GPs need vouchers or parking permits. PostGrad centre is for both community and hospital doctors.

The next meeting is on 15th December 2006