

The North Oxfordshire PCT Partnership

North East Oxfordshire
Primary Care Trust 

Cherwell Vale
Primary Care Trust 

PCT – LMC LIAISON GROUP
Notes of meeting held Tuesday, 15th February 2005
Meeting Room, Cherwell Vale PCT HQ, Banbury

Attendees: Mike Williams (Chair) MW
Matt Brown MB
Dr Neil Bryson NB
Dr John Galuszka JG
Dr Hugh Gillies HG
Dr Emma Haskew EH
Ginny Hope GH
Dr Brendan MacDonald BM
Dr KS Pandher KSP
Jane Solomon JS
Emma Tidy ET

1.	<p>Introduction and Apologies</p> <p>Apologies received from Drs David Chidwick, Brendan O’Farrell, Martyn Chambers, Simon Bentley, Paul Roblin and John Walton.</p>	
2.	<p>Notes and matters arising from PCT - LMC Liaison Group meeting of 15th February 2005</p> <p>The notes were agreed as an accurate reflection of the meeting.</p> <p>The MMR LES has been delayed, awaiting clarification, but is now finalised. This has been backdated to 1st October 2004 and should be circulated to Practices as soon as possible.</p>	MB
3.	<p>Appraisals</p> <p>There is an expectation that all practitioners on the Medical Performers List should be appraised.</p> <p>The final implications of the Shipman Inquiry are still awaited.</p> <p>JS to send BMA guidelines to GH.</p>	JS
4.	<p>LES 2005/06</p> <p>Discussion was held around monitoring of the quality of delivery of enhanced services. The PCT wished to have views on a method that would be acceptable to the LMC and would fulfil PCT requirements. It was felt that a contract review visit, distinct from the QOF review visit, would be the most</p>	

	<p>appropriate method.</p> <p><u>Minor Injuries</u> The draft Minor Injuries LES was discussed, which is substantively similar to the Blue Book NES specification. Amendments were agreed to sections 6 and 12 of the draft specification.</p> <p>A capitation-based payment system was proposed for Minor Injuries, although discussion led to consideration of a split capitation/item-of-service system, dependent on proximity to A&E.</p> <p>The LMC agreed to the LES in principle. The PCT to formalise a proposal around the payment arrangements for Minor Injuries.</p> <p>Discussion was held around whether this would be a legitimate usage of Investing in Primary Care monies.</p> <p><u>Insulin Conversion</u> Minor amendments were agreed to sections 6.5, 6.6, 7.1, 7.3 and 12 of the proposed LES. The LMC agreed the LES in principle.</p> <p><u>Alcohol Misuse</u> The Blue Book NES specification was discussed. It was felt that some work would be needed to tailor this to the requirements for North East Oxfordshire PCT. Also clarity was required on the specific service provided by the Oxfordshire DAAT. It was agreed that GH would liaise with NB.</p>	<p>MB</p> <p>GH</p> <p>MB</p> <p>GH</p>
5.	<p>GMS Audit Reports</p> <p>The Central England Audit and Consultancy reports, which focussed on GMS contractual governance, were circulated prior to the meeting. It was no noted that there were no areas of high risk for either Cherwell Vale or North East Oxfordshire PCT.</p> <p>Action plans have been put in place to address the six points highlighted in the reports.</p>	
6.	<p>Enhanced Services Expenditure 2004/05</p> <p>Spreadsheets showing current spend on enhanced services, for both PCTs in 2004/05, were discussed. As final actual activity figures are unavailable to date, these are indicative. Final figures to be available for the next meeting on 31st May 2005.</p> <p>The Minor Surgery discrepancy in Cherwell Vale PCT is due to a calculation error in setting the original indicative figures.</p> <p>Commissioning Plan 2005/06</p> <p>The draft commissioning plan for 2005/06 was circulated prior to the meeting. Budgets within the tables were based on 04/05</p>	<p>MB</p>

	<p>indicative budgets with an uplift of 3.225%.</p> <p>For 2005/06, the Pneumococcal Vaccinations DES includes all those aged 65 and over.</p> <p>The PCT interpretation of the cap on Minor Surgery is that this is a limit above which activity will not be paid for. Final activity figures will be available soon, which will allow realistic levels to be set. It was suggested that the caps should be based on a 3-year average, if possible. The method to be used for determining caps should be available for the next meeting on 31st May 2005.</p> <p>IUCDs to be paid based on actual activity.</p> <p>Discussion was held around the inclusion of counselling in the enhanced services floor. It was noted that the contractual arrangements for counselling are different in the two PCTs. It was agreed that counselling should be removed from the enhanced services floor at present.</p> <p>For items 30 and 22, the consensus was that these needed to be made contestable to be included in the enhanced services floor. The PCT to write out to practices, inviting separate expressions of interest for providing intermediate care cover to Chacombe House and Community Hospital cover in Bicester.</p>	<p>GH</p> <p>GH</p>
7.	<p>QOF and PPV Sign Off Process</p> <p>A verbal update was given on the Pre Payment Verification process that is in place. This will focus on exception reporting, prevalences and actions agreed during QOF visits.</p> <p>A question was raised about whether or not QMAS is calculating final achievements using the correct pounds per point figure.</p>	<p>MB</p>
8.	<p>Practice Based Commissioning Update</p> <p><u>North East Oxfordshire PCT</u> Steady progress has been made to date. A meeting is to be held on 22nd April to investigate the practicalities of a single locality. Work has been done on indicative costs to support implementation. If the outcome of this work is considered to be acceptable, it can be used in Cherwell Vale PCT.</p> <p><u>Cherwell Vale PCT</u> Work is being undertaken with practices to take forward initial discussions. Tentative proposals have been put forward.</p> <p>A steering group has been set-up, including LMC representation, which is intended to be an operational, supportive group.</p>	
9.	<p>LDP Update</p> <p>The current Local Delivery Plan (LDP) has neither been signed-</p>	

	<p>off by the Board, nor accepted by TVHA, as it shows a significant financial deficit.</p> <p>It is possible that TVHA may offer short-term support to NOPP, as it is one of two areas in the region that is recognised to have had high population growth without appropriate funding.</p> <p>The current financial status in NOPP is dire, with a savings plan that is not considered adequate. Further discussions are taking place and a revised LDP will be submitted to TVSHA on the 20th April.</p>	
10.	<p>Choose and Book Update</p> <p>A Choice Facilitator has been appointed, funded by the Department of Health for 12 months. There is a requirement on PCTs for 30% of GPs to be registered to use smartcards by June 2005. At present, 9 of the 10 Practices in NEPCT have expressed an interest.</p>	
11.	<p>AOB</p> <p>It was mentioned that there had not been any high-ranking NOPP representatives at the countywide LMC meeting recently. JS to forward the LMC dates to GH.</p> <p>Discussion was held around the issue of Non-Executive Directors (NEDs) reviewing patient surveys (indicator PE4 of the QOF). It was noted that the NOPP is the only area in TVHA in which NEDs make a charge for their time. The PCT agreed to relay this to the NEDs.</p> <p>It was proposed that the PCT – LMC Liaison Group should be moved to 24th May. MB to arrange, if possible.</p> <p>The LMC asked the PCT whether or not the Board Room would be available for use on 10th May 2005, from 1-2pm.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>MB</p> <p>MB</p> <p>MB</p>
12.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings</p> <p>Tuesday, 31st May 2005 <u>LMC Pre-meet</u> 12.00noon – 1.00pm <u>NOPP – LMC Liaison Group</u> 1.00pm – 2.30pm Board Room, Banbury Business Park.</p> <hr/> <p>Tuesday, 26th July 2005 <u>LMC Pre-meet</u> 12.00noon – 1.00pm <u>NOPP – LMC Liaison Group</u> 1.00pm – 2.30pm Board Room, Banbury Business Park.</p> <hr/> <p>Tuesday, 27th September 2005</p>	

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