

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN MEETING OF
READING REFERENCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2003
AT READING PCT**

PRESENT: Drs Latchford, Denny, Naran, Bindra, Gargav & Mittal
Jane Solomon
David Thompson & Dr James Bywater

APOLOGIES: Drs Morris, Johnson
Dr Tiarks
Janet Fitzgerald & Helen Waddams

ACTION

RDG 1/3/03 Minutes of January Meeting

The minutes of the January meeting were accepted.

Matters Arising

DT said that any issues relating to primary care would be sent to the LMC.

Action Point: DT agreed to supply to the group a list of senior partners and practice managers. DT

DT said he had spoken to the TVPCA about non-principals and PCT mail will be sent out via the courier to non-principals. SD said there are 54 non-principals in Reading who are not receiving information.

Action Point: DT to speak to the TVPCA to get a supplementary list and email address so non-principals can be contacted. DT

Voting Breakdown for Berkshire

RM said that he wanted a voting breakdown for Berks to see what reaction GPs were feeling about the contract locally.

RDG 2/3/03 Clinical Governance Review - Reading PCT

JB said there will be a visit in May and June for about a week, he said it was basically a review of clinical governance structures.

Committee Vacancy

JB said he would encourage more people to join the LMC.

Local Delivery Plan 2003/2006

RM asked JB to have the papers before the meeting otherwise it was difficult to make any judgement at the meeting.

JB gave a brief account of the position of the local delivery plan at the moment and said that Reading PCT was looking at investing for 2005/6. He said that OOHs money had not been identified in the LDP and nor had 100% funding for IT for GP practices from 01 April 2003. He said that NHS Direct had not been targeted and the

final cut that takes place on 31 March 2003. JS asked where the OOHs money had been identified and said he would ask the financial director.

JB

Reading PCT Strategy Consultation & Public Engagement

This was tabled.

Practice & Staff Funding Formula 2003/004

This issue was discussed and JB said the NI contribution increase was being met.

DT

Action Point: DT to feed back to the Committee on which pot of money this increase will be paid from.

PMS Contracts - NL asked what consultation has taken place for PMS contracts for re-negotiation. JB said that if individual practices wish to re-negotiate their contract they should contact the PCT directly.

LDS Scheme Rheumatology Update 2002/2003

This is based on what is considered to be good practice for monthly monitoring and monthly prescriptions. It was noted that a methadone user LDS was also being run.

Proposed New GMS Contract

JB said that he that there had now been discussions with PCTs and OOHs Co-ops, he said there would be no change for the next 12 months. He said that Reading PCT wishes to maintain and supervise the OOH service as it is at the moment.

NHS Confederation Workshops

JB said that the PCT was looking for a LMC representative to attend this workshop, there would be no costs for attending this workshop and the PCT would fund any back fill requirements.

JS

Action Point: JS to canvass GPs on the Committee and let JB know.

Any Other Business

SD gave her apologies for the next meeting

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 21 May 2003 at Berks Health Authority, Room G7.