

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN MEETING OF
READING LOCAL REFERENCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 16 JUNE 2004
ROOM G30, READING PCT**

PRESENT: Drs Mittal(RM), Moneim, Latchford
Jane Solomon
Helen Waddams & Audrey Ward

IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Mills (RMills) & Hannah Arnold

APOLOGIES: Dr Denny, Naran, Morris & Bindra
Dr Christopher Tiarks
Janet Fitzgerald & Dr Peter Johnson

ACTION

RDG 1/04/04 Minutes of the April Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held in April were approved.

Matters Arising

None.

nGMS Contract

OOHs Service - A letter was tabled that was sent to all West Berkshire GPs, RMills spoke about OOHs, he said that the service will be called West Call and that recruitment was going well. He said that Jeremy Lade is interviewing between 12 and 15 applicants initially and overall they felt there was sufficient applicants to manage the service, he said that £1.5 million extra would have to be invested in the service. West Call will be hosted by Wokingham PCT; Newbury PCT will be commissioning the service.

Saturday AMs – From 1st October this year, all Saturday morning calls will go to OOHs services. RMills said that the issue of goodwill had not been raised, he said superannuation pay was built in for Salaried GPs and other GPs were on scheduled tax.

Referral Hub – RMills said that it should make GPs lives easier, the referral hub will be at the TVPCA, who will pass referrals on to the Royal Berks.

Enhanced Services

AW said that GMS had been double continued and she conceded that point. She said that £792,000 included the global sum figures.

Counselling and physiotherapy are the 2 main areas of contestability, AW said that the PCT would be commissioning a new physio contract which should be 'contestable', she said the PCT were beginning a commissioning group which would look at enhanced

services and would include LMC membership.

Sexual Health Services – The Abbey woman group is going to close and the PCT need to look at the commissioning of sexual health services.

There was a discussion about communication between GPs and the PCT about commissioning positions.

The prison service – AW said there was a SLA with the GP, JS said this was not appropriate to be in the enhanced services floor and she would seek further guidance on it. AW said they were seeking a reserve of offer between £300,000 - £400,000.

Minor Injury – Reimbursement of 20p per person would be available.

Minor Surgery – The PCT were trying to evaluate the service and they were having a difficulty in defining what minor surgery procedures were.

Basket of Services – AW said a paper was to go to the July or August Board meeting for ratification *PCT*

Action Point: PCT would advise GPs as soon as it had taken place.

Action Point: JS to write to all LMC members for their agreement on the reserve of £300,000 - £400,000 and to inform AW. *JS*

Four Way Agreement – HW said there would be a meeting to look at how this is working and retaining needs existed for practices.

Any Other Business

None.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 15 September 2004, 2pm, Room G30, Reading PCT.