

**MINUTES OF THE CONFIDENTIAL/OPEN MEETING OF
WOKINGHAM REFERENCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2003
AT WOKINGHAM HOSPITAL**

PRESENT: Drs Brock, Milligan, Shaw, Busfield (Chair)
Dr Christopher Tiarks & Jane Solomon
Dr Munday

APOLOGIES: Dr Mellows
Sue Heatherington & Hugh O'Keeffe

ACTION

WOK 1/2/03 Minutes of December Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held in October were accepted.

Matters Arising

Dr Munday updated the Committee on the Violent Patients Project, he said that Loddon Valley would be the custody suite for the Wokingham locality. He said that contract price had not yet been agreed, CT said that the contract would be put out to tender.

Flu Jabs - GB said that approximately 50 flu jabs were given by District Nurses at his practice.

CT said that he had written to Sue Heatherington on the Committee's behalf about BPAS and he had not received a reply. CT said that it was an issue that letters sent to the PCT did not always receive a reply. MS said there were problems with BPAS, money was being diverted to BPAS for termination whilst GPs were restricted on funding for sterilisation. Dr Munday said the PCT had looked into a commissioning cycle and the problem is that the reduction in teenage pregnancy is now a national target. GPs had had this target imposed on them and are not happy about it, particularly since there had been no consultation. CT said that the PCT should consult on such issues.

Action Point: *Dr Munday to take the issue of BPAS to the Council for discussion.*

CT said that commissioning issues should be pursued and GPs should understand the process of how the PCT could take to the board the views of the GPs.

Dr Munday

WOK 2/2/03 Wokingham FHS Reference Committee

A paper was tabled for information. CT said that all PCTs have similar Committees and he sits on them as the LMC representative.

WOK 3/2/03 Primary Care Strategy

Dr Munday said the strategy was not yet finalised and the PCT had taken note of comments received and there were several areas of concerns;

- 1) Continuity of care.

- 2) Single point of access
- 3) Cost of implementation
- 4) Intermediate care specialist accreditation.

Dr Munday told the Committee that this was a high level strategic direction and the PCT would continue to consult on its implementation. NB said continuity of care was very important and GPs did not want to lose it. MS said that primary care was all about helping a patient through a process of change and said it was important to see what impact the new contract would have on primary care strategy.

CT raised the issue of locality based health care centres and said the PCT needed to engage early in the resourcing issues with GPs, especially around premises etc.

Dr Munday

Action Point: *Dr Munday committed to talking to GPs throughout the process.*

GB said he was concerned about the premises issue and the fact that GP premises must be protected, Dr Munday gave him his assurances. GB took issue with the glossary of term included in the strategy and said it included a doctor who has chosen not to become a consultant, and said this statement was judgmental. He also pointed out that specialist GPs in the glossary said it was stated that they kept they're training to themselves and he felt this was a divisive statement.

Dr Munday

Action Point: *Dr Munday would reword the glossary.*

A human rights issue was raised about women wanting to register with female GPs, CT said than an allocations policy should be non discriminatory, however, in areas of high ethnicity that is difficult.

Cancer Referrals

GB raised this issue and said that it had been a waste of time and effort to receive several letters all relating to the referral pro-formas and it had been an enormous waste of GP manpower hours.

Midwifery

MS said there were not enough Midwives and the ones they had on the district kept being called back to the Royal Berks whenever there is a shortage of midwives at the hospital and GPs then have to pick up the work. He said this was now affecting patient care and his practice was now receiving complaints. Dr Munday said he had recently met with two senior midwives at the Royal Berks and said there are just not enough midwives at the hospital. He said the hospital employed midwives directly, MS commented that GPs were being put upon as a result of this.

Applications for Replacement Partners

The Committee said there should be an agreed formula for all practices within the PCT. There should be an agreed figure where a list size determines that there can be a like for like replacement at the present moment without an agreement there is uncertainty.

Dr Munday

Action Point: *Dr Munday said a process for this has been started*

and will go to the FHS Reference Committee for discussion and the PCT will also consult with the LMC.

WOK 4/2/03 Patient Dispersal

CT said consensus of consultation over the dispersal of Dr Mitra's list by the LMC had resulted in a decision to advertise the list size. Dr Munday said that this was directly in conflict with the information the PCT had received and that Drs Lang & Kerr wished for the list size to be dispersed.

Any Other Business

GB said for information there is no obstetrics physio at all at the moment and they had 2.3 vacancies.

Notes Summarisation - MW said there was difficulty in sorting out patients notes particularly when they came from not so well organised practices. Dr Munday said that practices could apply for funding for summarising notes for Dr Mitra's ex patients.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, 17 April 2003 at 1pm at Wokingham Hospital.