

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN MEETING OF
WOKINGHAM REFERENCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2003
AT WOKINGHAM HOSPITAL**

PRESENT: Drs Milligan, Busfield Brock & Mellows Jane Solomon
Dr Munday and Hugh O'Keefe

APOLOGIES: Dr Shaw, Dr Christopher Tiarks

ACTION

WOK 2/9/03 Minutes of June Meeting

There were no minutes of this meeting because it did not take place.

WOK 3/9/03 Matters Arising

Dr Munday apologised to the Committee for failing to attend the meeting in June.

WOK 4/9/03 Enhanced Services

The PCT was asked which services they are planning on commissioning and DM said that as yet there was not list. HK said the PCT was getting feedback from questionnaires from GPs. He also said that a group had been established to discuss this. JS said that the LMC had been invited to sit on these committees in every other PCT and HK invited the LMC to send a representative to the next meeting being held on 23rd September.

IT – The PCT said that it had received a further £45k in funding but this did not cover the required sum for 1005 reimbursement of GP maintenance funding and there would be a shortfall of £15k. The LMC asked when this funding would be released to GPs and were told that it would be a decision made by the PEC. It was noted that Dr peter Marshall was the chair of the IT Committee.

OOHs Provision – DM said that the PCT are going to work with W Berkshire i.e. Newbury Reading and Wokingham. Specs for the service are being drawn up and will go out to tender, the Spec is due to go out by the end of September.

Quality Points – the impact of quality points on the prescribing budget was discussed. JS said that it had been predicted that it would increase the prescribing budget by approx 20%.DM said that the use of Discovery would keep prices down. GB said that it would be helpful to inform all practices about how generic costs are reached. DM said that most practices were using Discovery but that only 6

items were being used. NB said it would be helpful to have feedback on the Discovery project. DM agreed.

Action Point: *Dr Munday to give feedback to GPs on Discovery Project.* **DM**

WOK 5/9/03 Maternity Services

DM updated the committee on the situation. He said that midwives working in the community were very stressed with their workload. He added that there were a large number of vacancies at the RBH and that the Trust was £10m over budget.

WOK 6/9/03 Any Other Business

GB said that he had written to the GMC because nobody in Wokingham had been formally appointed as an appraiser. **DM**

Action Point: *DM to pass this onto Helen McKenzie for comment*

DM said that there were problems with orthopaedic referrals. Last year referrals had increased by 17% and this year to date by 11%. He said that there would be a triage referral protocol. He said there was already automatic triage within the e referral system and a paper triage system would be put in place within the next 2 weeks. GB said that e referral took up too much time. DM said there would soon be access to x-ray similar to that of path links and also access to electronic CPA soon. **HK**

Action *HK said that he would follow up on work done outside GPs contractual obligations and the effect on superannuated pay*

Appraisal for non-principals. The Committee asked what action was being taken on this subject. **HK**

Action *HK to follow this up and report back.*

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, 20 November at 2pm at Wokingham Hospital.