

**BRO TAF LMC  
CARDIFF & VALE CONSTITUENCY MEETING**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY 8 JUNE 2017**

**PRESENT**

Dr Sarah Morgan	Dr Jane Hexter	Dr Ceri Walby
Dr Akram Baig	Huw Herbert	Dr Amir Ghanghro
Dr Om Aggarwal	Hannah Bird	Mark Gall
Lindsey Richards	Cleona Jones	Lynda Griffiths
Dr Kay Saunders	Rhian Floyd	Fiona Ricci
Dr Kate Baker	Nicola Gilbert	

Dr Sarah Morgan chaired the meeting.

The meeting was supported through the purchase of stand space by Mylan and Roche.

**1. WINTER PLAN SURVEY/COMMENTS**

Dr Sarah Morgan explained the background to the survey and the survey results as they stand were discussed. The LMC would like any additional comments to be submitted as soon as possible, as Dr Steve Davies will attend the Health Board's first Winter Plan Task and Finish Group on 15 June. This provides an opportunity for the LMC and the GP community to put forward ideas for new and interesting initiatives. It was agreed to circulate the survey results to practices again and invite further comment.

GP practice "buddying" was discussed, which some clusters are already doing to an extent. However, some questioned the reality and practicality of buddying in circumstances when all GP practices under additional workload pressure. This needs further consideration and in doing so it will be important not to confuse 'working together' with 'sustainability'.

**2. ENDOSCOPY REFERRALS AUDIT/GP COMPLIANCE WITH NICE SUSPECTED CANCER GUIDELINES**

Dr Jeff Turner attended the last constituency meeting to discuss this and direct GP access to faecal calprotectin diagnostic tests was proposed as part of the solution. Following the meeting, Dr Turner reported to the LMC office that he found the discussion helpful and he has spoken to the Medicine Clinical Board Director, who has asked him to complete some more work which ties in with some of the guidance pathway being developed.

Dr Kay Saunders reported her understanding that direct GP access to the FC test is already available and there is an order form on the portal that practices can access. Others present said that this form is returned if GPs request the test.

Dr Ghanghro reported that the waiting times for urgent endoscopy are growing again, which exacerbates the current issues, and he reported on a recent case. Dr Ghanghro was asked to send details to the LMC office for further discussion at MAG. The LMC can make a clear case that the lack of CF testing in primary care increases endoscopy referrals and waiting times.

### **3. CLUSTER DEVELOPMENTS**

This new standing agenda item has been included as part of the LMC's plans for developing closer links with the clusters. The LMC wishes to monitor how the Health Boards direct work and services (especially secondary care work) through the clusters and to do this effectively the LMC needs to have a regular and reliable supply of information on cluster activity. Dr Steve Davies will attend a GP CD meeting on 10 August to discuss the LMC's wish to work collaboratively with the clusters.

### **4. GMS CONTRACT**

**Maternity payments pre-2017:** Dr Sarah Morgan and Fiona Ricci reported that GPC Wales has written to the Health Boards that will not consider making retrospective payments to 2011 for contractors who were underpaid as a result of 9 sessions being applied as full time. Cardiff and Vale is one of them and the Health Board has informed the LMC that they are likely to decline to make back payments, given the provisions in the previous SFEs. The Health Boards concerned accept that their decision may result in a legal challenge. Practices affected by this were encouraged to send details to the LMC, as GPC Wales and BMA Law are looking for cases with which to mount a legal challenge.

It was proposed that the LMC could draft an advice note for practices setting out the correct process for querying payments or applying for backdated payments, as there is some confusion around this (e.g. whether practices should do this via SSP or PCIC). The SFE clearly makes provision for practices to make backdated claims and query payments already made.

**QOF DM007 and DM014:** Dr Om Aggarwal questioned whether peer review is appropriate for these inactive indicators. The LMC advised Dr Aggarwal to report his concerns to GPC Wales, as they negotiated this outcome.

Exactly what constitutes peer review and the acceptable evidence for it was also queried and it was agreed to ask the GPC Wales negotiators to explain this at the roadshow on 6 July. It was also agreed to email them this question in advance.

**Action: LMC office**

**Anticoagulation DES:** There are two levels in the new DES and four in the current LES and the correspondence between them was discussed. Dr Sarah Morgan reported on the data that the LMC has collected so that costs can be compared and discussed with the Health Board.

The meeting questioned whether it is reasonable for the Health Board to have already given three months' notice of the LES withdrawal if there is no local or national arrangement in place for the provision of consumables for the new DES by the end of the notice period. It was noted that the current LES arrangements still apply in the notice period.

The LMC was asked if the NOAC LES is affected by the introduction of the new DES and the LMC confirmed that the NOAC LES has not been decommissioned.

### **GP Contract Roadshows**

GPC Wales and the RCGP have organized four roadshows for GPs and practice managers in June and July to cover issues affecting GPs in Wales including the GP contract changes, indemnity, workforce, funding and sustainability. The meetings are as follows:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Swansea	13 June	7:30pm – 9:30pm	Village Hotel
Cwmbran	20 June	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Parkway Hotel
Carmarthen	5 July	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Forge Lodge
Cardiff	6 July	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Holiday Inn (off J32, M4)

GPs and practice managers wishing to attend any of these sessions can register by emailing Natalie Cross [NCross@bma.org.uk](mailto:NCross@bma.org.uk), providing contact details and confirming which session they would like to attend.

## **5. PCIC LIAISON**

### **GP Phlebotomy Service**

The LMC attended a meeting with PCIC and Laboratory Medicine at the end of March to discuss a service review. The meeting was dominated by discussion of the new accreditation requirements that the laboratories will be subject to and how this will affect the bleeding, transport and storage chain, which will be a key issue in the GP phlebotomy service review.

Dr Sarah Morgan also reported on the radiology presence at the LMC-Laboratory Medicine liaison meetings, which now includes diagnostics.

## **GP Stores/Supplies**

PCIC is working with Procurement to develop a definitive and comprehensive list of supplies that can be ordered free of charge in Cardiff and Vale, from all sources. PCIC has undertaken to share it with the LMC before it is circulated. The issue with ordering Chlamydia Testing Kits has been resolved. They are free of charge and PCIC has sent practices information on how to order them.

## **Teledermatology Consent Form**

PCIC has confirmed that the use of this form is entirely voluntary, but considered to be best practice.

## **Incidents Reporting Process**

This is being reviewed with LMC input and a meeting has been organized for 9 August.

## **CHAP**

Following an unsuccessful tender process for the whole service, PCIC has put forward further options for the various elements of service provision and the LMC will give its views within the next month.

## **GP Sustainability**

PCIC has reported that there are 5 practices on its “heat map”. The LMC had a useful discussion with PCIC about the changing GP culture/market and how that could be better managed locally to everyone’s benefit. The LMC and PCIC have agreed that we need to keep communication channels very open to discuss new/good ideas. Dr Amir Ghanghro said that his cluster is working on an initiative.

## **6. PRIMARY/SECONDARY CARE ISSUES**

Dr Sarah Morgan reported on the issues that the LMC is currently discussing with the Health Board, which include:

- Referral process for the rapid access chest pain clinic (which is still by fax and we have asked when it is going to go electronic).
- Ear irrigation (audiology referring patients who need it back to GPs for onward referral to ENT).

- Appointment expedite requests (worryingly in relation to USC breast referrals).
- Ophthalmology clinic cancellations (e.g. glaucoma).
- GP access to all patients on the Cardiff and Vale clinical portal is going to be piloted, after a long and consistent effort made by the LMC.
- Monitoring anti-psychotic drugs (CMHTs expecting GPs to do after 12 months, but there is no shared care agreement for this in place).
- Hospitals not issuing any or adequate sickness certification. There is a CMO letter which clearly sets out hospitals' responsibility to prescribe for the expected duration of sickness and it tells them how to get certificate supplies. The same responsibility should apply to private hospitals

There were also further reports as follows:

- WCCG mental health referrals being returned to the GP referrer by email, not via WCCG. Dr Jane Hexter agreed to send details to the LMC office so that this can be investigated.
- Gynaecology/Radiology conflicting referral advice. Dr Kate Baker reported and was asked to send details to the LMC office for discussion at MAG.
- OT Referrals - teams not transferring referrals to each other. Dr Kate Baker will provide further details.
- PMHSS re-referrals being sent via the GP even after intervention. Dr Ghanghro was asked to provide further details.
- CAMHS urgent/emergency referrals not being responded to. Dr Jane Hexter will provide details and was also advised to report these as significant events to the Health Board.

## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **MMIS**

The LMC has been asked to comment on the 2017-18 scheme and copies of the proposal were circulated. Comments can be sent to the LMC office.

One comment made referred to the feasibility and fairness of measurement on a cluster basis rather than by individual GP practices according to their own achievement.

### **Blue Badges – Vale of Glamorgan**

Dr Akram Baig and Lindsey Richards reported that practices are still being asked to provide support. Fiona Ricci reported that this is not part of the current process and asked the practice to send relevant details.

## **8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 21 September 2017, 2pm.