

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE (Ltd)
MINUTES OF THE LMC OPEN MEETING,
held on 26 May 2015,
at the LMC Offices, 5 Phoenix Place, Nottingham

Present:	Dr G Place (Chair)	Dr A Sharman
	Dr L Foxwell	Dr K Sharma
	Dr S Kinra	Dr O Sharma
	Dr R Shah	Dr C Singh
	Ms A Meakin	Practice Manager
	Mr C Locke	Notts LMC Ltd Secretariat
	Mr M Wright	Notts LMC Ltd Secretariat
	Mr D Smith	Notts LMC Ltd Secretariat
	Ms A Bolton	Notts LMC Ltd Secretariat
	Mr S Jones	Notts LMC Ltd Secretariat

01/15 Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received and were reported to be available from the LMC offices.

02/15 Minutes

The minutes of the previous 'Open' meeting of the LMC held on 31 March 2015 were approved as a correct record.

03/15 Matters Arising

i) Area Team performance review process

Following the concerns raised at the previous LMC Company meeting about the Area Team's performance review process, the Chief Executive confirmed that the LMC had written to the Medical Director, Ken Deacon.

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ii) Infrastructure funds

The Chief Executive reported that a number of local bids for infrastructure funds had been successful. In relation to these, he said NHSE had acknowledged that the timescale for applications had been too short and he said that the LMC would try to ensure that practices were adequately informed well in advance of the second wave.

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iii) LMC conference 2015

The Chair reported that LMC representatives had attended the annual LMC conference, where in addition to major concerns about workforce, recruitment and transformation, conference had debated substantial motions around premises, over regulation and the cost of medical indemnity insurance. The Chief Executive highlighted that 7 of Nottinghamshire LMC's motions had been debated with 2 lead motions on indemnity cover for GPs and premises investment.

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04/15 GP-S

The Chair introduced Michael Wright, LMC Head of Liaison and Head of GP Wellbeing for the Primary Care Development Centre, who was presenting on GP-S, a mentoring and signposting service for GPs in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

Michael began by drawing attention to a GP wellbeing survey from February 2015 which had provided an initial needs assessment of constituents to inform the business proposal. He highlighted that of the 100 Nottinghamshire GPs surveyed, 73 indicated that, on a scale of 0-9, their current mood levels were 5 or below. He reported that the most common reasons for low moods were workload, patient demand and the portrayal of GPs in the media. He highlighted that a high proportion of GPs surveyed expressed an interest for support in the form of an appraiser or mentor.

He reported that the scheme had secured £200K from HEEM and NHS England for a 1 year pilot. He highlighted that the scheme would have a "soft" launch in June and a formal launch in July. He indicated that the aim of the scheme was to improve GP retention locally and to improve patient care by having a fitter, more accessible GP workforce. He indicated that there would be a single point of access (either by telephone, email or through the dedicated website) to 1-1 mentor support which was available for up to 60 GPs over 5 x 2 hour sessions. He highlighted that the mentors would be able to signpost clients to other services where appropriate, such as BMA Counselling.

Dr A Sharman indicated that the purpose of mentoring was to help facilitate reflective change and to provide protected time and space. She highlighted that the process would begin with the GP requesting help and being directed to appropriate services chosen from a list according to the GP's individual needs.

Michael Wright highlighted that if the scheme were to prove a success in its first year, wider implementation would be considered to encompass practice managers, nurses and dentists. He said that work to attract funding for a second year would commence towards the end of 2015.

In terms of the relationship between GP-S and the LMC's pastoral network, the Chief Executive highlighted that whereas the pastoral network revolved around crisis management, GP-S would aim to be preventative in nature.

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05/15 Co Commissioning of GP Contracts and related issues

The Chief Executive reported that a CCG strategic “summit” meeting had been arranged for 1 July where LMC representatives would be talking to CCG Chief Officers about future liaison arrangements and co-commissioning. He reported that some of CCGs had invited an LMC representative to attend their primary care commissioning committees and that he hoped to clarify with all CCGs how they proposed to engage the LMC in this process. He highlighted that the committees would have delegated responsibility to make decisions on list closures, premises investment and issues relating to the GP contract. He reported that the Primary Care Panel for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire would continue (being renamed the Primary Care Strategic Advisory Group) and would continue to have LMC representation.

The Chief Executive then reported on NHS England’s policy direction in the form of its *Five Year Forward View* and its target of uses to GP services on 7/7 basis and he indicated that there would be some interesting negotiations between the BMA and the government during the next 12 months. He highlighted that there was a strategic focus on new models of working and that there could be incentives for practices to work together in federations or provider groups.

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06/15 Primary Care Development Centre

The Chief Executive reported that the PCDC’s bespoke leadership programme would be concluding in June with positive learning outcomes for the 18 participating GPs. He reported that the Centre had launched a bespoke Practice Managers vocational scheme with IHM and he reported that the PCDC had been tasked with carrying out a scoping exercise for Health Education East Midlands’ roll-out of CEPNs (Community Education Provider Networks).

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07/15 Any other business

i) MGUS

In response to a query from Dr Kinra on MGUS, Dave Smith indicated that the LMC had produced a report on the transfer of work from secondary care to primary care to discuss at the forthcoming CCG summit meeting.

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08/15 Date of next meeting

The Chair reported that the subsequent meeting would be on 28th July at the LMC’s office, Phoenix Park, Nottingham.

Chairman
28th July 2015