

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2005 at  
7.30pm At Regent House Floor 9, Heaton Lane Stockport**

**PRESENT**

Dr Ranjit Gill – Chairman	Dr A Gilman
Dr David Gilbert – Treasurer	Dr N Hussain
Mr Paul Stevens – Executive Officer	Dr YD Sharma
Dr H Azmy	Dr R Seabrook
Dr P Carne	Dr A Patel
Dr G Parker	Dr A Ghafoor

The LMC thanked Harry Ahmed from GSK for his kind sponsorship of the meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Dr C Crook, Dr D Bostock, Dr S Levy, Dr C Day, Dr K Wells and Val Cording.

**2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the previous meeting on Tuesday 15 November 2005 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

QoF Consent – The chairman advised that the PCT had stated that although they were happy for practices to gain consent to access medical records from 100 patients for last year's QoF review, they were no longer happy with such a process. The PCT have been informed that the LMC would continue to advise practices to gain consent from patients and that in the absence of any alternative plan from the PCT practices should gain consent from at least 100 patients.

**4. Practice Based Commissioning Update**

Ash Patel gave a presentation updating the LMC on current PBC progress. He stated that it was anticipated that the PCT would have to relinquish their commissioning and provider roles. The Commissioning Role being taken on by the Central Stockport PBC Group.

He advised that approximately 220,000 of Stockport's population were now covered by Practice Based Commissioning practices.

Discussion were ongoing in an attempt to utilise up to 0.5% of the commissioning budget to establish a venture / innovation fund to pump prime ICAT and other developments.

RG stated that the venture fund would be topped up with current year LDP slippage monies and that the innovation fund would be replenished from actual savings in future years.

Graham Parker asked for clarification on the monies spent from the £100,000 PBC fair – shares monies as he had been informed that £30,000 had been spent.

Dr Patel advised that originally £152,000 had been identified to fund GP support from premises and PBC. Approx £60,000 had been spent on Ash and Ranjit's involvement. Therefore, only £8,000 of the PBC fair-shares monies had been used in this respect.

Dr Patel agreed to seek further clarification.

The chairman advised that 11 GPs had expressed an interest in becoming PBC board members. The GPs were to be interviewed and then short-listed for election.

The chair would be appointed from the elected GPs on a 2-day a week basis. Other board members would be engaged on a task orientated basis. Attendance at board meetings would be covered through locum payments.

## **5. Premises Update**

The chairman advised that a meeting with the Local Health Authority planners this week would be key to how quickly the proposed developments could proceed.

## **5. LMC Finances Update**

Dr Gilbert advised that there were still a number of practices including those of 2 LMC members who had not paid their Levy for 2004/05. He stated that there would be a concerted effort to recover outstanding monies between now and February 2006, when the names of practices with outstanding levy monies due would be announced at the committee meeting.

## **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The chairman advised that the Choose and Book 80% Target had been deferred to April 2006. The LMC would continue to push for the release of the promised Choose and Book funds.

Mr Stevens stated that an increasing number of practices were raising concern regarding a deteriorating level of IT support from Stockport PCT

## **7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next LMC meeting will be an Open Meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at 7.30 pm in the Seminar Room at Springwood House, Poplar Grove.

**Signed by the Chairman.....**