

## **Minutes of the Meeting Held On Tuesday 19 September 2006 at Regent House, Heaton Lane, Stockport**

### **PRESENT:**

Dr D Gilbert – Chairman  
Dr R S Gill – Honorary Secretary and Treasurer  
Dr A Ghafoor – Vice-Chairman  
Mr P Stevens – Executive Officer  
Dr H Azmy  
Dr D Bostock  
Dr G Carter  
Dr C Day  
Dr A Gilman  
Dr N Hussain  
Dr S Levy  
Dr R Seabrook  
Dr Y D Sharma  
Mrs V Cording – In attendance

The Chairman thanked Harry Ahmed and GSK for their kind sponsorship of the meeting

### **1. Apologies For Absence**

1.1. Received from Drs Ash Patel, Peter Carne & Graham Parker

### **2. Matters Arising**

- 2.1. Mr Stevens advised the committee that a further meeting had been arranged with Stockport PCT to resolve the ongoing minor surgery issue.
- 2.2. Mr Stevens advised that the LMC would continue to seek the reinstatement of the Investor in People monies which were cut by the PCT without consultation with the LMC.
- 2.3. Mrs Cording advised that one reply had been received fully supporting the Committee's decision to combine the roles of Treasurer and Honorary Secretary. No other replies were received and it was agreed to formally ratify the appointments of Dr David Gilbert as Chairman, Dr Abdul Ghafoor as Honorary Secretary and Dr Ranjit Gill as Treasurer and Honorary Secretary.
- 2.4. Dr Gilman advised that there were still huge problems with choose and book. He reported that due to lack of staff there were difficulties in producing newsletters. Although it was hoped that a directory of services would be produced in the near future. He also reported that 10 practices in Stockport were still not using Choose and Book.

- 2.5. Dr Bostock said that his practice was unable to use Choose and Book because their database was linked to another practice in the same building. The cost to rectify this was said to be £7,000 and would need to come from the PCT IT budget.
- 2.6. Mr Stevens advised the committee that he had attended a DoH organised Choose and Book seminar in London. The DoH speakers indicated their desire to negotiate a continuation of the current DES next year whilst confirming that the success criteria for the current year DES would be amended to 80% of referrals by March 2006. The LMCs present indicated their support for electronic booking but voiced strong concerns regarding the Choice concept

### **3. Practice Based Commissioning**

- 3.1. The Committee discussed the ongoing workload involved in Stockport's Practice Based Commissioning Scheme and agreed the need for Stockport PCT and the PBC Board to ensure the promised funding levels are paid appropriately to practices.
- 3.2. Dr Gill advised that the Prescribing Incentive Monies in respect of the 2005-06 Local Enhanced Service had been signed off by the PCT Chief Executive and that a letter to this effect would be received by practices in the near future.
- 3.3. Dr Gill also advised that the PBC Board had agreed the levels of saving to be made available to those practices that achieved PBC saving in 2005-06.
- 3.4. Dr Gill also confirmed that the mechanism for the *Progress* payment of Stockport's PBC scheme was essentially agreed and that practice's would be receiving details in the near future.
- 3.5. It was decided that the LMC would produce guidance for practice's advising them of what monies they should or could have received year to date under the new Enhanced Services and the Practice Based Commissioning Incentive Scheme.

### **4. Premises**

- 4.1. Dr Gill advised that the PCT were due to meet in the very near future to determine the timescales for starting the five first phase premises projects. He advised that given Stockport PCT's current financial position it was likely that a decision in this respect was likely to be deferred.
- 4.2. The Committee expressed their disappointment that after 4 years planning not one of the proposed developments had commenced and that the slow progress in this respect was severely hampering the development of General Practice in Stockport.
- 4.3. The committee expressed concern that the Foundation Trust was taking priority over the PCT and GPs in using the Pinewood Education Centre. This

building was built with monies from GPs. It was agreed that a letter should be written to Chris Burke with copy to Richard Popplewell on this subject. It was also agreed that Dr Carter would get in touch with Dr Dick Feinmann in an attempt to understand how and by whom the building was owned.

## **5. Disclosure of Patient Sensitive Data**

- 5.1. The Committee considered recent PCT and other organisation's requests for data including the request for details of diabetic patients to establish a Diabetes Retinopathy Register, the future use of MiQuest by the PCT to access practices based patient sensitive data and the extent of the information available via the GP browser.
- 5.2. Dr Gilman reminded committee members that the patient data was essentially the property of the PCT, and that Practice Caldicott Guardians were in effect acting on behalf of the PCT.
- 5.3. It was suggested that the LMC could review PCT requests for access to data and offer advice and guidance to practices accordingly.

## **6. New GPC / LMC Constituencies – Consultation Paper**

- 6.1. The committee considered the paper prepared by the GPC proposing a review of GPC / LMC Constituencies along with a response prepared by the Association of Greater Manchester LMCs.
- 6.2. The GPC paper proposed that Stockport would join with Salford & Trafford, Manchester, Oldham, Tameside and Glossop.
- 6.3. The Association of Greater Manchester LMCs proposed that Oldham, Tameside and Glossop would join with Wigan & Bolton and Bury & Rochdale and West Pennine. This would leave Stockport in a constituency with Manchester and Salford and Trafford.
- 6.4. The committee expressed concern that with only 815 GPs prior to the amendment the amendment may not be acceptable given the guidance figures of 800 – 1599 GPs per constituency.
- 6.5. The committee agreed to support the Association of Greater Manchester LMCs amendment provided the reduced number of GPs would be firstly acceptable to GPC and secondly would not in any way disadvantage the proposed constituency.
- 6.6. Mr Stevens agreed to advise the Association of Greater Manchester LMCs of its qualified support for their amendment.

## **7. Date Of Next Meeting**

- 7.1. This will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm on Floor 9, Regent House, Heaton Lane, Stockport.
- 7.2. A hot buffet supper will be available from 7.00 pm.