

## **CALDERDALE LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Calderdale Local Medical Committee Annual General Meeting  
held on Wednesday 27th September 2017

### **PRESENT**

#### **LMC Members**

Dr S Nagpaul (in the Chair)(Spring Hall)  
Dr P D Kumar (Plane Trees)  
Dr R Loh (Queen's Road)  
Dr G Chandresakeren (Plain Trees)  
Dr N Taylor (Hebden Bridge)  
Dr B Wyatt (Brig Royd )  
Dr A Siddique (Keighley Road)  
Dr S Chambers (Church Lane)  
Dr F Chaudhry (King Cross)

#### **Sessional GP**

Dr R Hussain (sessional GP)

#### **Practice Managers**

Bev Barr (Boulevard )

#### **Administrator**

Tracy Worrall

#### **Observers/Guests**

Mrs C Riley (CHFT)

Mr E Suleman (FB)

Mrs Caron Walker (Public Health Consultant)

### **WELCOME**

- 1 Members welcomed C. Riley, E Suleman, Caron Walker

### **APOLOGIES**

- 2 Apologies were received from Dr Alan Brook, Dr S Vivekananthan.

### **NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

- 3 The minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2016 were received as a correct record. Names of the attendees at the meeting are to be added.

### **ACCOUNTS**

Mr Suleman presented the accounts for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017

Voluntary Levy Account (to support the GP Defence Fund) – £16,649.

Statutory Levy Account (to support the running costs of the LMC) – £73,628

Total balance £90,277

Levies refunded are not showing as fully as they should due to Capita taking time to organise the payments. It was noted that the amounts had increased from last year and Bev Barr agreed to ask practice managers to check that both the voluntary and statutory levy's which practices are paying against last year's figures to ensure they have not increased. The payments should be Voluntary 6p per patient and statutory 25p per patient.

It was noted that the Calderdale LMC are now banking with Barclays and currently only have 2 signatories Dr Kumar and Mr Suleman, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Dr A Siddiqui is to be added.

### **ACTION:DR KUMAR**

It was noted that the meetings attendance payments had increased which is good. Payments under postage and secretaries showed a large increase, Mr Suleman was asked to do a full breakdown and bring these figures back to the meeting in October. Other than this the current balance looked healthy and it was agreed to maintain the current levy rates for 2017/18 to cover future support to the LMC

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

It was noted that there had been several changes this year with better collaborative working with YORLMC who have been very supportive. Calderdale LMC have also been working with Huddersfield LMC on some joint issues. The links with CHFT have been strengthened and have become less confrontational due to working closely on several issues in the past year.

Practice managers and Dr Hussain the new sessional GP were thanked for their continued support.

It was recognised that this will be a difficult year with many challenges. GP's are still working through several issues with PCSE. Also there is still the challenge of sorting out the issues with CHFT of the EPR implementation.

The role of the LMC has become much broader than it used to be. It continues to help practices to be aware of the resources available but it is up to practices to apply for them. The LMC has also assisted CHFT with the data sharing agreement and organised the GPFV event this year.

Dr Taylor also noted that Calderdale LMC is the only LMC which provides any input to the APC and that this is greatly valued.

Aims for the next year were to continue and formalise extra support for the LMC, run PR campaigns to keep the LMC viable and to maintain the website.

Care closer to home will need to be funded in order for GP' to be able to fully support this move and this will require GP's being included in any formal discussions with the CCG and CHFT.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

GPs are currently suffering from funding cuts and an increased workload. The main problems and challenges are still man power. The NHS are still not attracting enough new GP's and losing old ones which in turn is causing high locum payments. The transfer of work from secondary care to GP's will only increase this. There are national issues with the NHS premises service and there will be a few new builds in Calderdale. It was also noted that there are challenges across the entire workforce in primary care including reception, admin and nursing teams.

There is however some good news. GP's have received a 1% increase in expenses this year and sickness cover is now provided by the NHS and is now a practice entitlement. Primary care has also received full reimbursement of CQC fees. The changes to QOF have been welcomed too.

Dr Vivekananthan will continue to be assisting as vice secretary.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Annual General Meeting would be held on 10 October 2018. - Learning & Development Centre, Calderdale Royal Hospital, 7.45 pm