

CALDERDALE LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Calderdale Local Medical Committee held on Wednesday 22/4/2020 (Held using Microsoft Teams)

Present <u>LMC Members</u> Dr S Nagpaul (Chair) Dr R Loh Dr D Kumar Dr M Mensah Dr S Ganeshamoorthy Dr S Kahn Dr G Chandrasekaran Dr N Taylor Dr E Gayle Dr J Ring	Spring Hall Rosegarth Plane Trees Keighley Road Raistrick Church Lane Plane Trees Hebden Bridge Brig Royd Stainland	(SN) (RL) (DK) (MM) (SG) (SK) (GC) (NT) (EG) (JR)	<u>Practice Managers</u> Tracy Worrall <u>Liaison Officer</u> Marcus Beacham <u>Public Health</u> <u>Observers/Guests</u> Dr R Vautrey Dr F Azam Dr M Azeb Dr S Harris	Spring Hall BMA Stainland Road CCG Sessional Rep	(TW) (RV) (FA) (MA) (SH)
					<u>ACTION</u>
192/19	<u>WELCOME and APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Dr A Jagota, Dr R Hussain. SN gave a welcome to Dr Richard Vautrey (BMA) and asked all attendees to introduce themselves and share their role etc.				
193/19	<u>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</u> None declared				
194/19	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 11/03/20</u> Minutes agreed as an accurate record				

195/19	<p><u>Covid19 – How is it for You?</u></p> <p>SN Facilitated an open discussion for all attendees with the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to share how working in this current situation has been. • Opportunity to ask Dr Richard Vautrey questions in relation to the national picture on Covid19 and the updated new contract. <p>Covid19 Update and key work areas:</p> <p>SN gave update of how the LMC, CCG and PCN had worked together over the past month on setting up Calderdale's response to COVID.</p> <p><u>Website – Developments</u></p> <p>A high volume of national and local guidance, developments and changes to pathways, changes to patient services locally and regular Calderdale Briefings to general practice had been developed over the past month. The LMC had agreed with the CCG and PCNs that they would utilise the website as a central resource for all this information.</p> <p>The website had some significant areas of development completed by MB to facilitate this. Included was the development of a new section tab, Covid19 and a restructure of the home page to focus on key Covid themes.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Website needs some further housekeeping with such a volume of information now published. ACTION: The home page to be further made concise and the Covid19 page to be further sorted thematically.</p> <p><u>PPE – Update and key ongoing issues</u></p> <p>The monitoring and supply is now more streamlined the CCG. The PCNs now seem to be adequately stocked. National supplies are delivered into North Bridge health centre.</p> <p>RV agreed supplies are variable but said that they are trying to set up local ordering and they are already trying to organise a way to do online ordering</p> <p>There are still lots of anxiety from GPs around the level of protection which is felt to be appropriate, GPs are feeling less happy as COVID patients are now going to be seen in the Hubs. NT has had it asked about why not being given appropriate PPE for home visits.</p> <p>RV stated that it is not so much the PPE being used but more importantly how it is used, There is advice and guidance on the LMC website</p>	MB
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Workforce – Sessional/locums, recently retired, baseline skills and capacity planning

A number of locums and recently retired GPs have come forward to work, deployment is being co-ordinated through PGPA .

Locums have struggled to find anything which is not frontline work and most would prefer not to have to do the front line due to health or age also issues with death in service benefits. RV said they are trying to set something up to allow a system whereby they would be employed on a zero hours contract through a health trust which will allow for this if you are part of the pension scheme.

RV asked if locums having specific issues getting involved with 111 to let him know.

Currently surgeries are using locums less at the moment due to workloads decreasing across surgeries.

Baseline and capacity planning – Daily sit rep will be reducing to once a week.

We have testing sites available in Calderdale and Huddersfield and Wakefield. Some issues are caused by the national logistics of getting to the testing site. Wondered if it may be an option for the kits to be posted out to patients who are not able to travel under their own steam.

RV was asked for his thoughts on the local acute trust asking GPs to do the senior staffing in private hospitals. He wondered if this is appropriate for GPs to do this when there are currently hospital doctors available. RV did think that GPs should be using their extra capacity in general practice and the hospital should be looking at doing their own cover. The LMC did not get involved in the decision as GPs were being asked as volunteers. If no-one was to volunteer the LMC stance would have to be that this is not GP responsibility.

Care Homes / Residential

There was an issue this week with verifying a patient who had died in a Care Home where a patient was COVID positive. A call had been made for a GP to attend and verify death even though nursing staff were present. District and quest nurses appear to not be willing to verify a death for patients who have not been seen in the last 28 days and was an unexpected death. This is being taken back to the clinical directorship at the trust for them to change this internal rule as it is not in line with current guidance.

There was also discussion over what is meant by a competent person. Essentially each coroner can determine who they feel is competent. RV felt that care homes should have someone competent and available to do this and felt this should be pushed by the CCG to clarify with the care homes.

Video consultation as an option was discussed, some areas were happy for a GP practice to use this to assist in the process but Bradford coroner is not accepting this.

It was also noted the importance of where an OOH GP is the last to have seen the patient that they should record their GMC number in the patient notes.

197/19	<p><u>LMC</u></p> <p><u>LMC as a Ltd Company</u></p> <p>MB outlines the current progress following the decision from the March meeting. LMC Law were now engaged with a Client Manager identified.</p>	
198/19	<p><u>LMC Executive Support</u></p> <p>Liaison Officer additional workload: It was acknowledged that through the Covid planning and implementation there had been an increase in hours for the Liaison Officer to an average of 40 hours per week. This was likely to continue for present but would be reviewed at the end of the situation. The additional funding requirement was agreed.</p> <p>Additional sessions for Chair and Secretary:</p> <p>Following assessment by MB on the additional work completed by the Chair and Secretary during the implementation stages of the Covid response, it was proposed that there was an additional workload of four sessions per week by the Chair and two sessions by the Secretary through this time frame. The proposal and additional funding was agreed.</p> <p>LMC Bank account and signatories:</p> <p>The signatory changes to the LMC accounts were now completed. There will be a further final stage of moving to a single authorising signature (JR) in the next ten days. All LMC members were encouraged to submit claims for payment.</p>	
199/19	<p><u>Well-being</u></p> <p>MM gave a summary of the services available to all practice staff as detailed on the LMC web-site.</p> <p>The wellbeing survey completed prior to COVID will be followed up once the current situation has eased, this to include the development of a draft Wellbeing Strategy and Action Plan for Calderdale general practice.</p> <p>MB also noted that the LMC had been asked for support by some local members who had found the support helpful.</p>	

200/19	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p><u>Urine Bags for babies (PAEDS)</u></p> <p>SN asked if any practices were aware as to whether CHFT had re-commenced the free provision of these. None were aware.</p> <p>ACTION: To contact SR at CHFT to clarify that practices are looking forward to their next free delivery</p>	MB
	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 20th May 2020 Microsoft Teams, 7.45 pm</p>	