

**MINUTES OF HEREFORDSHIRE LMC MEETING HELD
9th December 2020**

Those in attendance: Dr A Leeman, Dr J Johnson, Dr R Dales, Dr N Fraser, Dr A Seftel, Dr P Dye, Dr C Reese, Dr J Davies, Dr R Dua, Dr P Adams, Dr T N Nakshbandi, Dr S Parkinson, Dr M Hearne, Dr L Gwilliam, Dr P Sheers, Fiona Nikitik, Lisa Siembab

Apologies No apologies were received.

1. **Conflicts of Interest** – There were no new Conflicts of Interest raised.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting** – These were agreed.
3. **MATTERS ARISING**

- **Provider Board Update**

NF updated on the Integrating Care document that was released about 10 days ago and probably signals the biggest change in the NHS since the contract reforms. NHSE is consulting on proposed changes to make the ICS model compulsory. Herefordshire and Worcestershire are two separate places in the model.

In Herefordshire we have a well-developed relationship and parity with the other providers on the Transition Board and a well-established federated model and PCN to enable us to have one voice of general practice. We are quite unique in our maturity compared to the national picture.

We need to respond to the consultation to ensure we articulate where general practice is functional and working and where we can act together to become partners in the system and ensure we are not fragmented and weakened by the process.

The Clinical Directors have been looking at formulating a response to protect general practice although there is also a need for a formal LMC response.

This is really important for the LMC and MH has done some work on putting together what the leadership structure for general practice might look like in the future and who may possibly cover which part of the system. MH shared his slides with the meeting.

NF asked for all to provide any feedback for inclusion and for Mike Hearne to share his slides with the Committee.

NF shared that the GP Provider Board is now known as the GP Provider Forum and this was as a result of the wish of the Worcestershire CD Forum who did not want

to have a single voice representing general practice at ICS level as they wanted their own voice at county level. With effect the board is now really a liaison committee between the two places.

A discussion on the future of general practice and the partnership model continued.

Action: NF to share the consultation document
All to provide any feedback for inclusion within the consultation

- **Change in LMC Officers**

RD updated that as he communicated at the last meeting he is looking to step down at the end of February 2021. He previously outlined the possible options for the role going forward. There are three options, firstly, someone from a Herefordshire practice could take on this role and in that case we would need to know this by Christmas. If anyone is interested they can talk to RD informally.

Secondly, Dr Gill Farmer, Worcestershire LMC Secretary would be happy consider to taking on as a joint role. We already work very closely together as there is a significant amount of cross over and joint meetings anyway. Gill would be happy to join the next meeting so that you can everyone has the opportunity to meet her.

Thirdly, a hybrid model with a local Secretary carrying out some of the LMC work and Taurus taking the lead on other parts of the role. This option would need some careful consideration as the LMC is very much independent and works solely on behalf of and in the interests of practices.

NF formally thanked RD for all his time, energy, hard and tireless work fighting for and on behalf of GPs locally. The Committee shared their thanks.

MH echoed these comments and commented that RD does represent a hard act to follow and the significant commitment involved may be an issue.

NF asked for all committee members to take this back to their practices for a swift discussion and decision on their preferred way forward.

Action: All to feedback their preferred option ASAP

- **LMC Conference**

RD shared that the LMC Conference this year was virtual and there were many motions debated that were similar to those debated at previous conferences.

- **Covid Vaccination Programme**

NF shared that this is now beginning and all practices locally have signed up to the enhanced service. This was discussed at length at conference.

- **GPC update**

SP gave an update of current topics at GPC.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Pregnant Patients –**

RD shared an issue raised by a practice that Midwives are unable to communicate to practices that a patient is pregnant as it is not possible to extract the data from Badger Net. RD asked if Mike Hearne could take this forward in his role with Wye Valley. RDU also raised an issue regarding midwives and lablinks

Action: MH to escalate both issues with WVT

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: to be held on 13th January 2021