

**MINUTES OF HEREFORDSHIRE LMC MEETING HELD
13th January 2021**

Those in attendance: Dr A Leeman, Dr J Johnson, Dr R Dales, Dr N Fraser, Dr A Seftel, Dr C Reese, Dr R Dua, Dr P Adams, Dr T N Nakshbandi, Dr S Parkinson, Dr M Hearne, Dr L Gwilliam, Dr A Heal, Dr P Harris, Dr R Wellesley, Dr A Wilkins (observing), Dr H Leach (observing), Lisa Siembab

Apologies No apologies were received.

RD Welcomed Dr Helen Leach and Dr Amy Wilkins both ST2 who joined the meeting to observe.

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 consultation that was discussed at the last meeting. The response from the ICS has now been returned which we had an opportunity to input into and we were able to promote that we wish to retain parity of estimate, protect our partnership model and not move to vertical integration.

The ICS becomes a legal entity in April. Mike Farrah, former NHSE Head of Primary Care and now the Deputy Chief Executive of Kings Hospital, London and is going to be helping ICS' understand what it all means for primary care. He is an advocate for the independent contractor status for general practice and will be supporting a series of workshops to help primary care understand what we need to do to respond to the changes.

The plan is that there will be a Thursday lunchtime session that will be recorded that will look at what an ICS is and what they mean for practices. This will be followed up by engagement with the CD group to drill down on the detail.

MAIN BUSINESS

- **Change in LMC Officers**

NF updated that at the last meeting RD shared he wished to stand down as he is moving to New Zealand. NF gave a speech thanking Richard for all his hard work and dedication to the LMC and the GPs of Herefordshire.

NF also updated that following the discussion at the last meeting about how we move forward, it is proposed that Dr Paul Downey will join the LMC. Paul is currently a sessional GP but was previously a very experienced partner at Much Birch Surgery. NF and Paul will be looking at how best to share the roles and a proposal will be brought back to the next meeting.

RD shared that Dr Gillian Farmer did kindly volunteer to take on the role as Herefordshire and Worcestershire already work closely and we are very grateful for her support and her kind offer to take on the role.

NF asked the committee if they are happy to appoint Paul to the LMC and it was agreed unanimously. NF agreed to discuss with Paul how best to share the roles and will bring a proposal back to the next meeting.

- **COVID Vaccination Programme**

RD updated that Herefordshire has done fantastically well in terms of getting the programme up and running. NF echoed this and that GP practices have risen to the challenge although there is still an a lot of work left to do.

MH highlighted that on the 14th January at 1.30pm there is an education session with an update on various issues connected to the programme with a Q&A session. This will be available via TeamNet.

- **Workplace Exchange Programme**

NF welcomed Dr Rosie Wellesley to the meeting who attended to talk about this programme briefly. RW shared that in September 2020 the CCG began to engaged in this scheme that is already up and running in Portsmouth. It is intended to improve our relationships with secondary care consultants. Volunteers are paired up and volunteer consultants to spend half a day in each other's workplace. The aim is to promote increased communication and relationships to improve things locally. It is thought that there is a lot of interest from the consultants.

The scheme was developed prior to the resurgence of Covid but the idea is to get some expressions of interest in order to pair colleagues up so that we can move this forward once things have calmed down. It will culminate in an event at the end to share experiences and it is hoped this will be face to face.

RW agreed to send something out to GPs once the current wave calms a little.

- **Pharmacy Update**

RD shared that there is a change of ownership application at G Benjamin Chemists at the Community Hospital in Ross on Wye to First Health Midlands Ltd. This has already gone ahead.

- **GPC update**

SP started by thanking Richard and commented that it has been a pleasure working with him. He then gave an update of current topics at GPC.

SP also shared that his seat on GPC comes up for election in early April and he does not plan to re-stand. There will be an election in March and the postholder will be in post by the July meeting. He asked all to consider if they would be interested in standing for this post.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Firearms Licensing**

The Secretary shared that he has been working with Worcestershire and Shopshire LMCs and West Mercia Police to standardise this process. The idea is that there would be a template form that GPs would complete for every request and renewal for an appropriate fee for each application. The applicant would submit this with their application form.

The guidance has now been agreed, together with, a proforma for those applying for the license and has removed guidance on fees etc. The proforma is based on the home office guidelines. This is going to be communicated by everyone at the same time to ensure consistency of message.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: the date of the next meeting in March will be agreed with the new LMC Officers and communicated to all.