

**MINUTES OF HEREFORDSHIRE LMC MEETING HELD  
9<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Those in attendance:** Dr A Leeman, Dr J Johnson, Dr N Fraser, Dr A Seftel, Dr P Dye, Dr C Reese, Dr R Dua, Dr P Adams, Dr T N Nakshbandi, Dr M Hearne, Dr L Gwilliam, Dr P Sheers, Dr M Waters, Dr P Harris, Dr A Hargraves, Dr M Wall, Dr P Downey, Dr A Heal, Dr E Gallagher, Dr D Corbett, Julie Burgess, Lynda Dando, Charmaine Hawker, Lisa Siembab

**Apologies** Dr S Parkinson

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

- **CCG**

NF welcomed Lynda Dando and Charmaine Hawker from the CCG to the meeting.

Revivo - Lynda Dando updated on the changes to the primary care in the funding allocation and the gap that exists is approximately £12m although this may change. It is hoped that we can retain the £11 per head within Revivo. DES/QOF and income protection ends on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and it is not yet known what the national view on this will be and there is still a lot of work to be done and there will be capacity issues in primary care.

The CAG will be relaunched at the beginning of April to now include enhanced services. It is hoped a large focus of the Revivo contract will be centred around population health management and reducing health inequality. Other elements will focus on system restoration and long term conditions. There must also be something around medicines efficiency.

All of this needs to be discussed at the Clinical Director level and the appropriate clinical input from general practice. There will be some elements that will be removed from Revivo and will now be considered business as usual.

Enhanced Services – Lynda Dando shared that it is important that when we looked at prioritisation they did not think it was safe to suspend any of the local enhanced services due to the impact on patient safety, care and the impact on workload.

Charmaine Hawker updated on equalisation of funding which covers local enhanced services and the Revivo contract. She ran through how Herefordshire has moved from HOF to the Revivo contract and the flow of funding. The funding will

be £16.58 per patient from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 for Herefordshire which represents a significant rise in funding. Worcestershire receives £18.60 per patient so there is a gap of approximately £2 per patient and the CCG is reviewing different types of commission at place level.

NF thanked both Charmaine and Lynda for their updates and asked about discretionary payments and whether these will continue. It would be useful to have an early view on the security of funding as we move into an integrated model.

NF thanked both Charmaine and Lynda for attending the meeting and reiterated that they are welcome to attend future meetings.

### **Change in LMC Officers/Constitution**

NF shared that Dr Richard Dales has now retired as the LMC Secretary and there has been discussions regarding the best way forward. It was felt that a Herefordshire Secretary would be most appropriate in order to represent the county on a place level.

NF proposed that Dr Paul Downey who is well known locally, has worked for the CCG, sat on the LMC previously for 11 years and understands general practice, joins the LMC as an Officer. NF proposed that Dr Paula Adams continues as the Treasurer, NF stands down as Chair and becomes the LMC Secretary. Dr Paul Downey would then assume the role of Medical Director. The Chair would then rotate between the three officers.

It is proposed that the Medical Director would be responsible for the pastoral support to practices with the ability to provide an independent voice to practices where it may be perceived there may be a conflict with Taurus. Dr Paul Downey gave an overview of his background and that he is willing to take on the role on an interim basis as he is due to retire in the next year or so.

NF also shared that in order to make the above changes to the roles of the Committee we would need to change the constitution and this would need the approval of the Committee.

NF asked the Committee for their approval to the new way of working by asking for any objections. The Committee unanimously agree to this way forward and to make the changes to the Constitution.

**Action:           NF to seek changes to the Constitution**  
**NF to circulate changes to the email addresses for the LMC**  
**Officers**

**MAIN BUSINESS**

- **Denosumab**

NF shared that a dispensing practice has raised an issue with this drug. When a practice raises a prescription for this the payment is already included in Revivo and this does not cover the cost. He has raised this and this will be explored next year.

Dr P Dye commented that her dispensing practice get a local chemist to dispense the denosumab and they deliver it to the practice so that they can administer it.

- **ICS Discussion/Feedback – White Paper**

Dr M Hearne shared a presentation with the Committee that will be shared via email. A discussion followed on this.

- **GPC update**

Dr Simon Parkinson emailed a paper update as he sent his apologies.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Online Pharmacies** – Dr T Nakshbandi raised an issue of an online practice that is aggressively targeting patients locally. Their email suggests that dispensing practices are in agreement with the online service.

**Action:**        **NF to raise this with the CCG.**

**Payment for Attendance** – PA shared that due to a banking error all attendees were paid double in December and therefore there was no payment made in January 2021.

**ECG** – Dr P Sheers raised an issue with workload where secondary care are asking for GPs to conduct ECGs on their behalf. Dr R Dua responded that this has been an issue throughout the pandemic and it has been raised with the trust. He agreed to raise this again.

**Action:**        **Dr R Dua to raise this issue**

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Next Meeting:** to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021.