

**MINUTES OF HEREFORDSHIRE LMC MEETING HELD  
14<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**Those in attendance:** Dr J Johnson, Dr N Fraser, Dr A Seftel, Dr P Dye, Dr R Dua, Dr P Adams, Dr S Das, Dr M Hearne, Dr P Harris, Dr A Hargraves, Dr P Downey, Dr A Heal, Dr R Wellesley, Dr V Wilkins, S Corbett, L Siembab

**Apologies** Dr S Parkinson

## **1. AGM**

NF opened the formal AGM by requesting an update of the LMC Expenses Report from PA. She presented a summary of the LMC Expenses for the year 2020-21. It was proposed and agreed by LMC Officers to freeze the levy at 53p for all practices for 2021-22.

NF confirmed that all LMC Officers are happy to continue and the Constitution is currently being updated to reflect the recent changes to officers.

NF updated that all Committee Members need to ensure they have declared any conflicts of interest to the LMC Office so that these can be uploaded to the LMC website.

NF formally transferred the work of Herefordshire LMC to Worcestershire and Herefordshire LMC Ltd and confirmed that the Board of this limited company remain unchanged with NF sitting on the board.

NF confirmed that LMC Officers Salaries remain unchanged with the exception of the national 1% uplift. This was agreed by the Committee. LS also confirmed that the LMC Accountants and Auditors remain as French Ludlam.

The AGM was formally closed.

## **2. Conflicts of Interest**

There were no new Conflicts of Interest raised.

## **3. Minutes of the Last Meeting** – These were agreed.

## **4. MATTERS ARISING**

**ICS** – NF updated that there has been considerable development at place level within the ICS and there have been further workshops where General Practice has been represented. The ICS has been formally approved by the NHS without any comments

for improvement.

## MAIN BUSINESS

- **PAG**

NF shared that PAG attendance representation will now be on a regional basis via a rota shared across the West Midlands footprint. PD is included for Herefordshire on the rota.

- **ReVivo**

MH shared a series of slides that outline the proposed Primary Care Commissioning Approach from the CCG, ReVivo. NF commented that enhanced services will have a protected floor so that this funding will be protected for practices. The CCG is seeking the views of the LMC before it goes through their formal governance process. Waiting list management was discussed. MH asked for any comments to be shared with him via email.

- **Spirometry**

NF shared that there is lots of discussion on this at the moment, especially nationally. The GPC's position on this is the QOF element of doing spirometry is to co-ordinate the work rather than carry out the work and it is possible this can be a commissioned service. There is a need for a local spirometry service and there is national funding that has been bid for and this does need to be up and running for the restart of diagnostic spirometry. MH commented that this could be carried out across a PCN, together with anti coagulation for example.

- **Mental Health Services**

NF shared that this is a concern for all practices as the transformation of services is going in the wrong direction. The amount of investment at £6m represents a huge investment in mental health services and this has not gone well. Going forward we are being asked to look at jointly funded roles. Changes are starting to happen slowly and general practice is being asked to contribute but we need to be wary of investing in mental health services and maintain the pressure to retain services.

- **GPC update**

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

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **MLL Refund**

PD shared that prior to the pandemic 13 practices were affected by a serious IT breakdown in and this was a very difficult time for those practices. The IT systems were down for several days in 2019. It was discovered it was a server breakdown via MLL. This generated a significant amount of associated and MLL compensated the CCG for this with the 13 practices to receive a proportion of the money. The monies have yet to come to all practices and this was discussed. It was agreed that NF would escalate this with the CCG on behalf of the LMC to ask how and when the monies will be received by practices. PD commented that Mike Emery is the contact at the CCG.

**Action: NF to contact the Mike Emery at the CCG**

- **OOH**

AH raised an issue with an increase number of patients calling the practice in the morning having spoken to out of hours overnight expecting a face to face appointment. This leaves practices requiring to manage this expectation and explain that the patient will be triaged.

**Action: NF agreed to discuss this with MH**

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Next Meeting:** to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021.