

**MINUTES OF HEREFORDSHIRE LMC MEETING HELD  
26<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Those in attendance:** Dr J Johnson, Dr N Fraser, Dr A Seftel, Dr P Dye, Dr R Dua, Dr P Adams, Dr R Wellesley, Dr M Hearne, Dr L Gwilliam, Dr A Black, P Sheers, Dr P Downey, Dr S Das, Dr V Wilkins, Dr J Stevenson, Dr M Cadman-Davies, Charmaine Hawker, Anne-Marie Houlder, 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**

**NHSE Responsible Officer** – The Secretary introduced Anne-Marie Houlder who took up her new post of Responsible Officer in April for the footprint that Herefordshire is included within. She gave an outline of her career history, she has been a GP for 25 years. Her portfolio is very varied and she works mainly with the Medical Directors to look at system improvement in secondary care but also has an interest in mental health services, learning disabilities and preventable deaths.

She outlined some of the reviews that are to be undertaken around appraisal and registration. Many of the changes are to ensure consistency across the country and the focus is very much around recovery. A discussion followed on the future of appraisals.

The Secretary thanked Anne-Marie for joining the meeting.

**ReVivo** – The Secretary welcomed Charmaine Hawker to the meeting who gave an update on the ReVivo Contract and Enhanced Services for this year. Charmaine gave some background aims of what the CCG is trying to achieve this year and the timelines. They have very limited funding this year and it is all tied up with ReVivo. The existing ReVivo Contract was rolled forward with a new contract to be implemented on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

The CCG is investing £9m into the ReVivo Contract and Charmaine ran through what is to be included. This will be a universal offer across both counties and will be allocated on a PCN basis.

NF reiterated that there is still an uplift of £2.02 per patient to equalise Herefordshire with Worcestershire. Charmaine outlined the investment in terms of ReVivo and Enhanced Services. The CCG are working with the GP

Leadership Team to decide what will be included to ensure an enhanced service floor.

A discussion on funding followed. The Secretary thanked Charmaine for attending the meeting.

**ICS Developments** – The Secretary shared that the financial position for the ICS has historically been good but this year will be very different and there is an ongoing negotiation with NHSE around funding. We have general practice representation on the ICS Financial Board.

The Secretary also shared that there is a planned booster vaccination programme in the autumn and a vaccination programme for secondary school children.

The legal infrastructure is progressing and this will reframe the whole of the NHS.

MH added that the intention is to briefly update practices on a weekly basis via TeamNet. He also shared that data is demonstrating that phlebotomy, part of the hubs work, is in greater demand outside of the Trust and general practice are picking up more of this activity. MH urged all practices to use the template and to enter where the request has originated from to ensure we can capture the data.

**Action: All to feed this back to their practices  
MH to share the proforma**

## MAIN BUSINESS

- **LMC UK Conference**

The Secretary shared that conference was virtual and it was felt that there was a lot of anger towards GPC. The message from the Chair of GPC, Dr Richard Vautrey was that general practice is open and the activity level have never been higher.

- **MARS Sheet Update**

The Secretary shared that he has been in discussions regarding an issue with GPs being asked for MARs Sheet for a growing list of medications. The LMC has now begun to resolve this and Wyre Valley have agreed that their nurses will be trained to transpose the details from the prescription onto the MARs Sheet with the exception of high risk drugs. GPs will need to ensure that we prescribe them accurately with the appropriate level of detail.

- **NHSE Letter**

The Secretary raised the issue of the recent NHSE Letter to GPs that has caused

a lot of anger amongst GPs. The letter asked GPs to do something which was not contractual and made life even more difficult for practices. This prompted an emergency motion by GPC which is covered in Dr S Parkinson's paper update from GPC.

There is a patient letter on the LMC Website for practice use.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Radiology Authorisation** – Dr P Sheers raised an issue around ANPs being able to order radiology. The Secretary has raised this and has made some progress and he will continue to move this forward.

**Leominster News** – Dr J Johnson shared the news that the two Leominster Practices have decided to merge and all of the partners are excited about growing the practice together. One of the salaried GPs will be joining as a partner and the practice will be moving to a new building.

**Quality and Risk Subcommittee** – The Secretary shared that the Medical Director will be attending these meetings going forward on behalf of the LMC.

**LMC Constitutional Changes** – The Secretary asked for the Committee to register any objections to the proposed changes to the constitution to reflect a Medical Director joining the committee and the decision to not have a Chairman at present. No objections were raised.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Next Meeting:** to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021.