

**MINUTES OF HEREFORDSHIRE LMC MEETING HELD
8th September 2021**

Those in attendance: Dr J Johnson, Dr N Fraser, Dr A Seftel, Dr P Dye, Dr R Dua, Dr P Adams, Dr M Hearne, Dr A Hargraves, Dr L Gwilliams, Dr T N Nakshbandi, Dr V Wilkins, Dr S Das, Dr S Whittall, Dr A Heal, P Sheers, F Nikitik, Dr S Matthews, Hollie Hastings, Dr M Shah, Lisa Siembab

Apologies Dr S P Downey,

- **Conflicts of Interest** – There were no new Conflicts of Interest raised.
- **Minutes of the Last Meeting** – These were agreed.
- **Primary Care Wellbeing Programme**

Hollie Hastings from the CCG and Dr Meeraj Shah gave an update on Workforce Initiatives being offered locally and nationally.

- **GPC Representative, Dr S Matthews**

The Secretary welcomed Dr Sarah Matthews to the meeting as our new GPC Representative. Dr S Matthews gave an update on the last GPC Meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

- **Xray Requests for Non-Doctors**

The Secretary shared that there has been a SOP created for this by the CCG and it is due to go live very soon. We have yet to get all of our governance in place and there will be a further update at the next meeting.

- **Conference/Webinar**

The Secretary shared that the LMC Officers will be attending the next LMC England Conference to be held on 25th and 26th November virtually.

- **Respect Forms**

The Secretary shared that it has been confirmed that the colour of the respect form is not mandated and this decision is to be signed off by all leads within the healthcare economy shortly. They run indefinitely and do not have an expiry date and are valid regardless of their colour. It is best practice to review the forms if a

patient has changed setting but it is not mandated. This will become electronic shortly anyway.

- **ICS/ICB Update**

The Secretary shared that this work is continuing at pace and there will be an announcement soon as to who has been appointed as the Chief Executive of the new ICB. Recruitment is taking place for the Chair of the ICS and following this the establishment of the ICS Board. There will be a primary care representative from both places of Herefordshire and Worcestershire. These representatives will not be an elective member of the board but will be a speciality representative.

- **Place based update**

MH shared an update on place including Estates and to try and work through the cross charging issue and understanding the project management resource that may be needed for any practice new builds.

- **Dermatology Referrals**

AS raised an issue regarding rejected dermatology referrals without a dermatoscope photo. There has been the offer of training and this has translated into 5 hours of online learning on the use of a dermatoscope. The Secretary responded that it is not a contractual requirement to include dermatoscope photos and referrals should not be rejected on this basis. MH responded that the process behind this will be included on the latest podcast. GPs do not have to send a photo although this is preferable. The service is asking GPs to learn how to use the dermatoscope only and nothing further. AS asked for this to be feedback to the Dermatology Consultants as they are rejecting referrals on this basis.

Action: MH to feed this back

MAIN BUSINESS

- **Improving Access and Supporting General Practice**

The Secretary shared that this has not landed well with GPs and the funding attached is insufficient. The bottom 20% of practices will be vilified. There has been lots of discussion nationally and locally on this and the BMA are furious about this and have called for practices to not engage with this. There has been a plea by the system locally to engage with it to obtain the funding. Dr S Matthews gave her view on the plan and asked for views from the Committee Members on the how we would respond to the offer. There is an emergency GPC meeting on the 21st October 2021. A lengthy discussion followed on this.

- **Contract Compliance – Secondary Care**

The Secretary shared that MH is engaged via the Clinical Practitioners Forum with secondary care to try and improve the interface between primary and secondary care and their compliance to their contract.

- **Finance – National Primary Care Report for LMC 2019-20**

The Secretary shared that this report has recently been released and this is the first report of this nature. This will become more useful in the future and the CCG has a requirement to produce this. Unfortunately, this is a joint Herefordshire and Worcestershire Report.

- **£150k Earning Publication**

The Secretary updated that there is now a contractual requirement for the publication of GPs earning over £150k. This comes at a difficult time for GPs and does not reflect the amount of work GPs are undertaking and gives further ammunition for criticism.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- **Next Meeting:** to be held on 1st December 2021.