

# Minutes - Cambridgeshire LMC Meeting

Thursday 30th January 2020 at 3pm

Marriott Hotel, Huntingdon

**Present:**

Drs Diana Hunter (Chair), Kavita Bhardwaj, Elisabeth Cole, Sean Culloty, Ben Curtis, Francesca Frame, Emma Gayton, Liz Halliday, James Howard, Harshad Mistry, Mike Moor, Kathryn Newell, Duncan Outram, Simon Poole, Nathalie Rodriguez-McCullough, Jo Scrivens, Richard Weyell, Jennifer Wheatley

**In attendance:** Dr Katie Bramall-Stainer, Jo Audoire and Emma Drew

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

Apologies were received from Drs Steven Jones, Neil Modha, James Morrow, Paula Newton, Clare Routledge, Amrit Takhar

## 2. Co-option of New Members to the Committee

2.1. Dr Liz Halliday

2.2. Dr Nathalie Rodriguez-McCullough

The Committee welcomed Drs Liz Halliday and Nathalie Rodriguez and unanimously agreed to co-opt them to the Committee until April 2021.

## 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

3.1. Minutes of the meeting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020

The minutes were approved.

## 4. Matters Arising

4.1. Matters arising not elsewhere on the Agenda

There were no matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda.

## 5. GPC Matters

5.1. Report from our GPC Representative

5.2. Update from GPC England, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020

The above items were taken together.

The Committee heard the interesting discussions from GPCE on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020. GPCE colleagues were faced with an unusual situation whereby a new package of significant changes and proposals, compared with the draft service specifications from 23 December 2019, were shared in confidence with the committee having been negotiated by NHSE and the GPC Executive the previous evening. A motion that followed, deplored the original draft specifications, called for the GPC Executive to return to the negotiating table and asked that the negotiations be put to a special conference of

England LMCs. This motion was passed. Following the meeting, a special GPCE has been called for 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

## 6. Motions to UK Conference - Themed Debates

- 6.1. What should the role of the GP look like?
- 6.2. How can we manage future demand?
- 6.3. How do we create and maintain a workforce fit for the future?

The Committee took the above items together, discussing and exploring the following:

- Additional opportunities to better support GPs in training.
- Greater autonomy for GPs, and trust in their professionalism.
- Safe limits for working, acknowledging what may happen when a GP feels they have reached their safe limit and the potential for this to de-stabilise General Practice even further.
- What does the GP model look like in other countries?
- Appointments duration and audit, safe working limits, decision fatigue.
- GPs; the GMC specialist register; and the NPL regulations.
- Declining GP numbers and recruitment.
- Working conditions comparing core with extended access and OOHs.
- Embracing new ways of working of alternative consulting methods.
- Shared risk and CNSGP.
- Potential for error and litigation increase.

The LMC Conference Representatives will be looking to meet in the coming weeks to start drafting potential motions for the UK Conference, which is being held 6-7 May 2020 in York.

## 7. Contractual Matters

- 7.1. CCG update & 'BIG conversation with Primary Care' events and survey

The Committee heard that the CCG are running a series of 'Big Conversation' events around the county in the coming weeks, specifically for GPs and their practice teams to feedback.

The Committee echoed previous concerns that the sustainability of General Practice is in question and that stress in the system is evident from the increasing numbers of practices that are facing recruitment and retention crises, exacerbating inadequate or requires improvement ratings by the CQC.

The Committee were encouraged to attend any events local to them to feedback directly to the CCG.

- 7.2. LES/QEF scoping and Eating Disorders draft LES for discussion

The Committee received this item.

Acknowledging the very draft status of this paper, the Committee shared unanimous concerns around clinical competence and safety of the proposals. The Committee noted the NICE guidance and again echoed their concerns in the ongoing care and responsibility for the monitoring of high-risk patients. It was noted that whilst funds may have been ringfenced, CPFT have ongoing recruitment challenges into the AEDS team, and there was a consensus that the provision of care for the paediatric element of these most vulnerable patients needed to rest with the tertiary specialist team.

The Committee felt that the draft paper was able to offer no reassurance around timescales for safe referral back into the AEDS, and the risk of continuing responsibility for high-risk patients for an

indefinite length of time, given the capacity and staffing issues in General Practice were no better than those in Psychiatry.

The Committee were in agreement that potential alternative solutions around commissioning a community service linked into the AEDS for oversight may be a superior cost-effective option for the ongoing medical monitoring of this vulnerable cohort of patients. The Chief Executive would feedback the Committee view to the CCG Clinical Lead and AEDS representative and continue to liaise with the CCG on this issue.

7.3. STP update

The Private session opened with a verbal report into the state of Cambridgeshire General Practice from the Chief Executive to which the STP Board was most receptive. This viewpoint was echoed and embellished by both the STP Alliance Leads and GP Federation representatives present. The system finances continue to pose a significant challenge to the STP and CCG.

## 8. Executive Actions, Feedback & Questions

8.1. LMC & CCG Practice Manager IT Conference, 22nd January 2020

The Committee heard that the office and the CCG IT Team co-hosted an IT conference for Practice Managers which was extremely well attended and well received. It has previously been noted that there are a number of new practice managers in the area who may not have an understanding of the role and functions of the LMC. The LMC opened the conference with a video welcome from Katie which was followed by a slide presentation from Jo and Emma with the remainder of the conference being led by the CCG. Early feedback from the day was positive and the LMC has received an increase in day to day enquiries as a result of this.

8.2. NWAFT/LMC Meeting, 22nd January 2020

The Chair had a useful meeting with Dr Kieran Sharrock (medical director Lincs LMC) and Dr Kanchan Rege (medical director NWAFT) on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 to follow up discussions around improving processes and pathways. This was a helpful meeting building on established relationships, and updates will be provided to the Committee anon.

8.3. PCNs Update & Clinical Directors/LMC meeting, 9th January 2020

The Committee heard that positive local and national feedback has been received regarding the Cambs LMC consensus statement, which was sent on behalf of the LMC members and PCN Clinical Directors by the Executive team. The Committee were thanked for their overwhelming support, clarity and guidance in regard to their united response to the PCN draft specifications. The LMC provided a legal workshop for the CDs from Nils Christiansen from DRS Solicitors, which was well received by the CDs present.

## 9. Items To Receive

9.1. LMC December 2019 Newsletter

9.2. LMC update emails from GPC

The Committee received these items.

## **10. Any Other Business**

### 10.1. Firearms

The Committee heard that the office has received communication from the Head of Firearms and Explosives Licensing at Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire & Hertfordshire Constabulary regarding the new expectations and the use of a new medical proforma. The correspondence was not received in time to add to this agenda therefore the office will continue to investigate and will liaise with the Committee virtually in advance of the next meeting.

### 10.2. Retirement from the LMC Committee

The Committee heard that Dr Lis Cole has stepped down from the LMC, this meeting being her last. The Committee thanked Lis for her support and contribution to the LMC over the years and wished her well in her next career steps.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 -3:00-5:30pm – The Marriott Hotel, Huntingdon