

GP SUB-COMMITTEE OF NHS Lothian Area Medical Committee

Monday 9th December 2019

7.15pm

Novotel Edinburgh Park Hotel, 15 Lochside Avenue, Edinburgh EH12 9DJ

Chair - Dr Drummond Begg

MINUTES

1. **Attending** – Dr Drummond Begg, Dr Jenny English, Dr Iain Morrison, Dr Euan Alexander, Dr Robin Balfour, Dr Carl Bickler, Dr Gordon Black, Dr Stuart Blake, Dr Peter Cairns, Dr Jim Cowan, Dr Andrew Forder, Dr Kerri Greene, Dr Steven Haigh, Dr Katharine Hill, Dr Annie Lomas, Dr Ramon McDermott, Dr Catriona Morton, Dr Elizabeth Murray, Dr Nick Payne, Dr Hamish Reid, Dr Kim Rollinson, Dr Amy Small, Dr Catherine Smith, Dr Elizabeth Strachan, Dr Ros Wight, Miss Tracey Gillies, Ms Alison McNeillage, Mr David Small, Dr Sian Tucker, Dr Nigel Williams

Apologies – Dr Agata Dunsmore, Dr Rachel Hardie, Dr Jon Turvill, Dr Laura Tweedie

Chair welcomed attendees and introduced the guests for the evening;

David Joliffe, Joint Chair of Diabetes MCN
Mark Strachan, Joint Chair of Diabetes MCN

Chair also welcomed Dr Kim Rollinson who is returning to the committee as Sessional GP representative for Lothian.

2. **Diabetes MCN** (*presented by David Joliffe and Mark Strachan*)

David Joliffe & Mark Strachan gave a presentation to committee which summarised the current position across Lothian with regards to diabetes, and also shared information on developments in diabetes treatment and data monitoring.

The Diabetes MCN meet quarterly, with the aim of improving quality and providing evidence based and realistic support to Primary Care.

There are current 44,000 people with diabetes across Lothian, 40,000 with Type 2 and 4,000 with Type 1.

Lothian is the top performing region across the country with regards to Type 1 diabetes with current technology drastically improving the treatment of the condition.

Type 2 treatment is on a par with many other centres across the country although there is some room for improvement.

Anonymised comparison data grouped by cluster and practice was shared with committee, and it was proposed that this would be provided for cluster leads and practices. It was agreed that clusters should be identified however practices should be anonymised in the data.

The group's aim of improving links between secondary and primary care through a linked service with a named diabetes consultant and diabetes nurse attached to each cluster was also shared. It was noted that this support would be by way of training and providing general guidance on treatment rather than the treatment of individual patients.

Approval was sought from GP Sub Committee to;

- start sharing anonymised practice-level data
- establish the cluster-level link roles
- support and work in collaboration where there are challenges/issues in delivering services for people with diabetes

The proposals were positively received by the committee and approval was given, while also highlighting that the movement of diabetes monitoring from GPs to HSCPs in the future through CTACS also needs to be considered. The possibility of evolving enhanced services was also suggested.

The need for a suitable educational programme for patients within localities was also noted.

Action – Diabetes MCN to come back to committee in H1 2020 with a proposal considering the changes discussed, which if approved can be taken to PCCO.

3. Minutes of last meeting, 11th November 2019

8.3 **Premises Funding**, paragraph 2 to be amended to read;

“IM sought approval from the committee for a delegated GP Sub group, comprised of representatives from the workstreams of the new GMS contract, to scrutinise e-Health, HSCP and NHSL.....”

Action – LMC office to circulate list of GP Sub Committee reps on each GMS contract workstream.

Following this amendment, the minutes were approved.

4. **Matters Arising/Actions from last meeting**

4.1 – LMC office emailed Alison Jarvis 26/11 to feedback suggested amendments to Carers Scotland information material. **CLOSED**

4.2 – TG confirmed that the responsibility for IT kit and maintenance costs moved from eHealth to HSCPs at least 8 years ago. **CLOSED**

4.3 – Finance Delegated Role will be discussed under Agenda item 11.1 **CLOSED**

4.4 – Supporting papers detailing the discussion that took place outside the meeting have been circulated to committee. **CLOSED**

4.5 – TG is currently progressing and awaiting response, which will come back to committee once received. **ONGOING**

4.6 – 2 Practice Managers applied and have agreed to job share, attending alternate meetings with effect from January 2020. **CLOSED**

4.7 – TG investigated and fed back to KG. **CLOSED**

5. **Chair's Business**

5.1 **Primary Care Bronchiectasis monitoring**

Chair summarised the paper issued in advance from Lothian Respiratory MCN who are looking at optimising the care of patients with mild to moderate bronchiectasis. It was agreed that the numbers of patients involved and the likely impact on GPs needs to be understood, and practices may be asked to provide data on these patients.

5.2 **Spinal APP service update**

Chair highlighted the paper issued in advance and stated that committee very much support this ongoing work.

5.3 Clinical Practice Research Database

Chair highlighted the database to committee. Concerns around CPRD were noted.

5.4 Temporary Patients Adjustment

Chair summarised the paper issued in advance and stressed the impact on GPs as a result of the high number of visitors to Lothian, in particular during the summer months. While Lothian GPs welcome visitors, we seek urgent appropriate funding to pay for this use of GP resource.

5.5 Orthopaedics Opt-in Approach

Chair summarised the key points from the papers issued in advance.

It was suggested that giving patients the choice to Opt-out rather than Opt-in might achieve better results.

The size of the document and some of the terminology used within it was also questioned.

Action – LMC Office to feedback to Chris Myers on thoughts from Committee on Orthopaedics Opt-in Approach.

6. Data Sharing Agreement

The template Information Sharing Agreement for Health Boards and GPs was circulated in advance of the meeting.

IM informed committee that each individual practice will be required to sign a contract once this is finalised.

It was also noted that Tracey McKinley, Lothian Data Protection Officer, is currently in the process of appointing her team, however support is available to practices where needed while this is underway.

7. Halfway Point Questionnaire

58 responses were received to the questionnaire. A summary paper is being taken to GMS Oversight on 19th December before being brought to GP Sub Committee for information.

8. NHSL Commitment to £5m 2020 onwards

Chair summarised the key points from the letter from David Small and Craig Marriott of 4th December 2019 issued in advance.

It was agreed that, due to slippage in establishing teams to take on the 0-5 immunisation activity previously delivered by Health Visitors, the unspent balance of 2019/2020 Primary Care Investment Funds will be carried forward to 2020/21.

This would result in the NHS Lothian investment being reinstated to the full £5m for 2020/21.

This was welcomed by committee, and this reassurance will allow our HSCP colleagues to make more solid plans for the coming year.

9. GMS Oversight Group update

None. Next meeting is 19th December 2019.

10. GP Sub Report – Reducing Primary Care Environmental Impact

Chair highlighted the duty for all of us to look at our green agenda and make sure it's considered at every meeting we attend.

11. Finance

11.1 Delegated GP Sub Group function for approval of spend

The current delay on confirmation of Premises spend was highlighted, with only Edinburgh confirmed to date. Practices across Midlothian and West Lothian are currently in the process of bidding for an allocation of the funds. East Lothian position is still to be confirmed.

The funding is allocated to the HSCPs and the impact of this delay on the amount of funding allocated is currently unknown.

11.2 Premises update

It was noted that Scottish Government have now agreed the leaseback agreement, therefore practices who applied for sustainability loans should see them coming through by the end of the year.

12 Medical Secretaries' Business

None

13 AOCB

None

Date of next meeting – Monday, 13th January 2020