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**WIRRAL LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

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**Chairman:**

Dr R Williams

**Vice-Chairman**

Dr B Quinn

**Honorary Secretary**

Dr A Adegoke

**Members:**

Dr A Adegoke

Dr N Alam (resigned April 2015)

Dr B Ali

Dr A Alurwar (resigned May 2015)

Dr D Blackie

Dr R Canavati (co-opted member from September 2015)

Dr R Chambers

Dr K Cooke (from January 2016)

Dr M Earl (resigned July 2015)

Dr J Fletcher (resigned November 2015)

Dr G Francis

Dr S Jalan

Dr A Lee (resigned July 2015)

Dr A Mantgani (from September 2015)

Dr F Newton

Dr B Quinn

Dr M Syed

Dr R Williams

**Member changes**

There was a large turnover in members during 2015/ 2016.

Dr Paula Cowan was re-elected in April 2015 but decided not to take up the position.

Dr Abel Adegoke, Dr Jane Fletcher, Dr Gillian Francis and Dr Richard Williams were re-elected for further three-year terms without the need for a ballot.

During the year, there were a number of resignations for a variety of reasons and the Committee considered how best to fill the resulting vacancies. Following careful consideration, in September 2015, Committee voted to reduce the overall number of LMC members from 17 to 15 i.e. 12 principal representatives (reduced from 14) and 3 sessional representatives (no change).

Unfilled vacancies were advertised on a number of occasions via the LMC newsletter and Dr Abhi Mantgani and Dr Karen Cooke applied and were elected without the need for ballots in September 2015 and January 2016, respectively.

**Attendance of Members at LMC Meetings**

**1 April 2015 – 31 March 2016**

 **Attendance**

**Name Possible Actual**

**Dr A Adegoke 11 9**

**Dr N Alam 1 0 (Resigned)**

**Dr B Ali 11 10**

**Dr A Alurwar 2 0 (Resigned)**

**Dr D Blackie 11 4**

**Dr R Canavati 7 7**

**Dr R Chambers 11 8**

**Dr K Cooke 3 3**

**Dr M Earl 4 3 (Resigned)**

**Dr J Fletcher 7 4 (Resigned)**

**Dr G Francis 11 7**

**Dr S Jalan 11 8**

**Dr A Lee 4 1 (Resigned)**

**Dr A Mantgani 7 5**

**Dr F Newton 11 7**

**Dr B Quinn 11 9**

**Dr M Syed 11 9**

**Dr R Williams 11 11**

**Sub Committee Representation for 2015/ 2016**

The list of the Sub-committees on which LMC deems representation to be important was reviewed and finalised in June 2015.

**Sub Committee Reports**

Listed below are some of the Sub Committees reports discussed during the year:

**Cancer QIPP**

Acute Oncology Clinic

Bowel Cancer Pathway Leaflet

Bowel Cancer Screening

Breast Cancer Screening

Breast Cancer Screening - merger

Breast Cancer Survivorship

Cancer Summit

DNA Bowel Screening Follow up

Early Detection Plan

Lung Cancer CTs

MacMillan Nurses

Mobile Information and Support Services

Pathology Reports

Prostate Cancer Survivorship

Text Reminders

Wirral End of Life Charter

Wirral Hospice

**Cervical Screening Programme Board**

Audit of vault smears from 2010 - 2014

Cervical Screening – results letters

Cervical Screening Coverage

Cervical Screening for HIV positive women

Continuous Service Improvement Plan (CSIP)

Inadequate Sample Rates

Monitoring arrangements

Primary Care Failsafe Audit

Sample Taker Codes

Serious Incidents

Serious Incidents – Recommendations for primary care

**Drugs & Therapeutics Committee**

Drugs Approved for Primary Care Initiation and Use

**Elderly Care QIPP**

Care Home Admissions and Attendances

Care Homes/ GP Scheme

Care Home Summit

Discharge Letters

Falls Pick up Service

GP Network Meetings

Older Person’s Community Service

Social Services

Wirral Integrated Services

* Telehealth
* Equipment Service
* Community Falls

**Support Group**

Performance issues

Practice Disputes

**WUTH Medical Board**

A&E

Bed shortages

Changes on Medical Board

Computer System upgrade

Consultant Connect piloted in urology

CQC visit at APH

Discharge letters/ summaries

Financial constraints

Junior Doctors Dispute

Monitor

SAFER Start Initiative

Targets

Vascular Services

Winter Pressures in A&E

Winter Pressures Planning

**Presentations at LMC Meetings**

LMC often invites guest speakers to give presentations to the Committee on topical issues in order to keep informed on matters that might be of concern or interest to local GPs.

During 2015/ 16, presentations have been given on:

GPOOH

Integrated Community Care Hubs across Wirral

Unplanned Care

Vanguard (Healthy Wirral)

Wirral Carers Mentoring Project

Wirral End of Life Care Charter

**Representation**

LMC has continued to meet the Area Team (NHS England) and representatives from Mid-Mersey LMC and Cheshire LMC on a regular basis.

At the monthly LMC meetings, Committee continued to receive updates from representatives of the CCG Governing Body.

In April 2014, the LMC and CCG had agreed to the reinstatement of mid monthly meetings with the aim of better and improved engagement between the LMC and CCG. During 2015/ 2016, the LMC officers have met with CCG representatives regularly to discuss a variety of issues. This allows for a more in-depth exchange of views than is possible at the monthly LMC meetings.

**LMC Office**

Wirral LMC Office Manager, Sue Thelwell continues to run the LMC office headquarters at Royal Standard House, 334 New Chester Road, Birkenhead, CH42 1LE.

Some of the matters discussed during the year or upon which the opinion of the Committee has been sought or made known to various Authorities are as follows:

**Service Issues**

Ambulance Service

Appraisals

Blue Badge Scheme

Child Protection Training Requirements

Community Nursing Assessments

CQC

CRI/ Wirral Ways/ GP SLA

Death Certification

Drug & Alcohol Service

Enhanced Services

Federations/ Single Provider Groups

Medical Records for Insurers

Meningococcal B for Infants: FAQs

Orthotics Referrals

Phlebotomy Supplies/ Laboratory Consumables

PMACs

PMS Reviews

Podiatry Referrals

Primary Care Quality Scheme (PQS)

Psychology Service

Wirral Care Record/ Information Sharing

**Issues with the Community Trust**

Community Nursing Assessments

Faxes

Financial Overviews

Orthotics Referrals

Nursing Staff Skill Levels in Care Homes

Podiatry Referrals

PMACs

Transformation Programme

Verification/ certification of death

**Issues with the CCG**

Appraisal/ Revalidation

CCG Members’ Meetings

Co-commissioning

Child Protection Training Requirements

Devolution

Emergency Admissions

Enhanced Services

GP Federations/ Provider Groups

Junior Doctors’ Dispute

Phlebotomy Supplies/ Laboratory Consumables

Planning for 2016/ 2017

Primary Care Quality Scheme (PQS)

PMS Premiums

PMS Reviews

Psychology Service

Spending Reviews

‘Think Pharmacy’ scheme

Vanguard (Healthy Wirral)

Winter Planning

Wirral Care Record/ Information Sharing

**Issues with the Local Area Team**

Appraisals

Choice of Appraiser

Performance List Decision Making Panel (PLDG)

Performance Procedures

Performance Screening Group (PSG)

Tendering for Practice Contracts

**Issues with Wirral Hospital Trust**

CQC Visit

Consultant Connect Pilot (Urology)

Discharge data/ letters

Financial Resources

Junior Doctors’ Dispute

OOH

OOH/ End of Life/ Ambulance Service

SAFER Start Initiative

Unplanned Care Transformation

Vascular Services

Winter Pressures on A&E

**Other**

Coroner’s Office: Death Certification

LDC: Emergency Dental Service

LPC: ‘Think Pharmacy’ Scheme

LPC: Flu Vaccinations

Public Health: Blue Badge Scheme

**Liaison with Other Bodies**

**LMC Dinner**

The annual LMC Dinner enabled Committee members the opportunity to mingle informally with MPs, NHS Trust representatives, LAT managers, CCG Leads, Dental, Optical and Pharmacy representatives and representatives from neighbouring LMCs and GPC.

The Chairman’s address informs this wider audience of the direction of LMC. The 2015/ 16 Annual LMC Dinner was held on the evening of Friday, 16 October 2015 at Prenton Golf Club.

**LMC Conference 21/ 22 May 2015**

The Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Dr Francis attended the LMC National Conference in London as delegates together with Dr Canavati as an observer.

Both the Chairman and Hon. Secretary had the opportunity to speak at conference, in different debates. The Chairman spoke out about the recurring negative articles about GPs in press articles. The Hon. Secretary spoke about the previous year’s ‘Save our Surgery’ campaign, asking what it had achieved.

There was a wide range of other topics debated including:

APMS

Fair Deal for Salaried doctors

GP Returners

Increasing Workloads

LMCs and their Roles

Low Morale in General Practice

New Models of Primary Health Delivery

NHS 111

Over-regulation of general practice – CQC, Revalidation, Targets, QOF

Workload

Workforce Crisis in General Practice

The 2016 Conference will be held in London on 19/ 20 May 2016.

**Liverpool and Wirral Coroner’s Office**

In December 2015, Mr André Rebello, Senior Coroner for Liverpool and Wirral attended the monthly LMC meeting to discuss issues which had arisen around death certification.

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) orders were also a topic of discussion with the Coroner, aided by Dr Mark Fraser, the Wirral Adult Safeguarding Lead.

A full discussion and exchange of views took place and information from the meeting was included in a subsequent Wirral LMC newsletter.

**LMC Secretaries Conference 16 December 2015**

The Honorary Secretary attended the LMC Secretaries Conference which was an opportunity to network with LMC secretaries from all over the country.

The conference started with a presentation by the GPC Chairman, Dr Chaand Nagpaul, whose speech included an overview of what GPC had achieved and what it was doing to tackle issues.

Other topics discussed included:

Co-commissioning

Encouraging GPs to say ‘No’

Federations

General Practice being neglected

GP Locums

No mention of General Practice in Spending Reviews

No mention of General Practice in Government Announcements of Extra Funding into the NHS

Problems of recruitment

Reducing Income

Retention of GPs

Role of LMCs

Single Provider Organisations

Working to Scale

Various presentations and workshops on a number of topics were available to the delegates.

**LMC Special Conference 30 January 2016**

The Chairman and Honorary Secretary attended the LMC Special Conference which had been called because of the perceived crisis in general practice.

During the one-day conference, representatives from LMCs across the country discussed and debated including:

Changes to the GP contract

New junior doctors not choosing general practice as a preferred career

Funding

Difficulty in filling Practice vacancies

Present workload – risk to safe patient care and GPs’ health

Problems with recruitment and retention

Over-regulation by CQC

Review of Appraisal and Revalidation

DDRB recommendations

Medical Defence Premiums

**Local Representative Bodies**

During 2013, Wirral LMC, together with Wirral LDC, LOC and LPC, explored the possibility of setting up a single Forum to jointly represent Wirral’s Primary Care and Health Service Practitioners.

The first meeting of Wirral representative bodies was held in October 2013 and has continued to meet on a quarterly basis.

**Wirral Community NHS Trust**

Ms Karen Howell and Dr Ewen Sim have standing invitations to attend the monthly LMC meetings.

**ACCOUNTS**

The accounts were audited by Grahams, Chartered Accountants based in Hoylake.