**WIRRAL LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

**Minutes from the meeting held on Monday 14 May 2018**

**In the Lairdside Suite, Royal Standard House**

**OPEN SESSION**

**2.32pm – 3.25pm**

**PRESENT:** Dr R Williams Chair

Dr B Quinn Vice Chair

Dr K Cooke Dr G Francis

Dr S Jarvis Dr L McGrath

Dr A Mantgani Dr R Millard

Dr J Mottram Dr F Newton

Dr M Syed Dr L Towersey

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ms Nesta Hawker – Wirral CCG

Mr Iain Stewart - Wirral CCG

Ms Debbie Hammersley – Wirral CCG

Dr Santi Puig – Wirral CCG

Mr David Hammond – CT

Dr Thomas Wyatt – PCW

Mr M Ahmed - GPW

Ms Claire Ashley - BMA

Mrs Melanie Carrol – Wirral LPC

Mr Peter Lear – Wirral LDC

Mrs S Lepts, Wirral LMC

The Chair welcomed Mr David Hammond, Ms Nesta Hawker, Mr Iain Stewart and Dr Thomas Wyatt and apologised for running late with the open session.

132. **Safeguarding Presentation**

The Chair welcomed Ms Debbie Hammersley (Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Children) and Dr Santi Puig (Named GP for Safeguarding Children) and invited them to present on Safeguarding.

Ms Debbie Hammersley read through the Safeguarding presentation ***(see appendix 1c)*** which covered two specific areas:

1. Request for records – legal basis for requests and generally how it fits into data protection where there is no consent.
2. Attending Safeguarding meetings and reports.

Ms Hammersley added that GMC states GPs must participate fully, attend meetings where possible and co-operate. GPs who do not share info need to be really clear why as there is a legal risk and not sharing info could lead to people further at risk. The MDU will defend a GP if information is given but won’t if it is not. The GP is not obliged to tell the patient but has a duty of care to pass the information on and can attach the letter (requesting the information) to the patient’s records to provide the rationale for giving the records.

Ms Hammersley and Dr Puig added that they were proud of Wirral for help and collaboration as health information is pivotal in safeguarding cases. Also, if she or Dr Puig attend a practice for a quick look through records it is all anonymised and to tick an audit form for the Safeguarding Board to satisfy statutory duty.

A brief Q&A session followed:

* Can the request for information be made in a timely manner, as it is often received late on a Friday afternoon for a Monday morning?

*Ms Hammersley replied that social workers should not be asking GPs for copy of child records at 5pm on a Friday for Monday morning; they can only ask for a GPs view.*

* Can GPs be remunerated for providing reports and attending case conferences, as it is not part of the core contract?

*Ms Hammersley replied if one provider is paid then all need to be paid, e.g. private nurses etc. GPs are obligated to provide the information and hopefully with copy and paste from the system should be easy to provide and currently working on a way to make the report easier.*

Members commented that it is often impossible for GPs to attend case conferences as they are usually held on a Monday morning, difficult to get in touch with the person who requested the information which is very unprofessional and asked for a copy of the safeguarding presentation.

Dr Puig replied that there are often 10-15 professionals at a case conference and so the timings are best for others but not GPs. Ms Hammersley confirmed that GPs are able to have a telephone conference if they are unable to attend a conference so information can still be shared, asked for any concerns or specific examples of issues to be emailed to herself or Dr Puig so they can address them and agreed that members could have a copy of the presentation.

There were no further questions and the Chair thanked Ms Hammersley and Dr Puig for coming.

**ACTION:**

* **LMC office manager to email copy of safeguarding presentation to LMC members.**

133. **WUTH Update**

The Chair invited Dr Rowlands to provide an update.

Dr Rowlands reported business as usual and informed members there will be interviews soon for the Chief Executive, Chair and new Medical Director.

There were no questions and the Chair thanked Dr Rowlands for coming.

134. **CT Update**

The Chair invited Mr Hammond to provide an update.

Mr Hammond gave an update on:

* Medical Director interview on 24th May 2018
* Eastham WIC re-opening with hours as per last year but different times: 12-8pm each day

There were no questions and the Chair thanked Mr Hammond for coming.

135. **CCG Update**

The Chair gave Mr Stewart and Ms Hawker a summary of the member’s lengthy discussion regarding MSK service during the closed session and relayed the following concerns and questions:

* Will there be a separate provision, within the new service, for physiotherapy and chiropody in practices rather than through triage? Will there still be the ability to refer without triage?
* Will the new contract continue to provide a physiotherapist in practice? Patients want this and GPs are seeking reassurance.
* Agreement to relay the summary of what was discussed to the CCG as it will be in the public domain as agreed by all LMC members *(14 of 15 in attendance at the meeting).*
* Comment made by CCG that GPW Fed did not want to meet but there is an email in contrast to this.
* Serious concern as since 16 October with formal letter LMC have been repeatedly told not to worry about this model as primary care will be involved and a figure of 30% was given. There has been no engagement since and informed at the board last week that this will not happen.
* LMC acknowledge the CCG have consulted LMC but no meaningful discussion regarding how primary care will be involved.
* LMC require more detail as to how the service will be provided.
* Members unanimous vote for LMC to write to the CCG with concerns and ask for a pause in the introduction of the service (so LMC can be more involved in shaping it and be fully satisfied) and for LMC to let all Wirral GPs know that the CCG is aware of concerns and have been asked to pause the introduction of the service.
* All members feel it is important to know the full impact of this service in general practice, not just primary care. Throughout the country there are physiotherapists in practice as the first point of contact. Practices are snowed under with these appointments and so if they are unaware of how the service is going to be delivered they do not know the pressure it will put on the practice. There will be impact on patients and the practice if there are any delays.
* Members want an improved service not more of the same.

The Chair informed Ms Hawker and Mr Stewart that LMC will be writing formally to Dr Cowan, Dr Wells and Mr Banks this afternoon but himself and the Hon Secretary will speak to Dr Cowan beforehand to inform her that this is what LMC plan to do. LMC understands the contract has not been signed and is currently in the cooling off period and has received five letters, since last week, from practices with formal objections and from GPW Fed (which was presented at the governing body). He stressed LMC are trying to be positive and are not against the service but need to consider GPs and patients to make sure this service works. LMC need reassurance and increased detail of how this service will work for general practice, not just primary care.

Ms Hawker and Mr Stewart said they will share the above concerns on return to the office.

There were no further comments and the Chair thanked Ms Hawker and Mr Stewart for coming.

**ACTION:**

* **LMC officers to speak to Dr Cowan before letter of concern is sent**
* **LMC officers to write to Wirral CCG with concerns re MSK service and request pause of the introduction of the service.**

136. **Correspondence**

None.

137. **Any Other Business**

Managing Concerns in Primary Care

A free one day event on 10 July 2018 in London, run by the National Clinical Assessment Service (NCAS). LMC members to contact the LMC office manager for further details if interested in attending.

138. **Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Meeting overran – carried forward to next LMC meeting.

139. **Date of next meeting**

The next LMC meeting is Monday 4 June 2018, commencing at 1.15pm and finishing at 3.15pm.