

**Notes of Meeting with General Practitioners
Friday 26th October 2007
Rutherglen Primary Care Centre**

Apologies: - Dr A Gajree

Present: - Mr Alan Lawrie, Director South Lanarkshire CHP
Dr Shiona Mackie, Medical Director Primary Care NHS Lanarkshire
Mrs Lena Collins, Locality General Manager
Dr Ian Notman, Lead G P
Dr A Birkmyre
Dr N Johnston
Dr J Abernethy
Dr C Barrett
Dr D Colville
Dr D Campbell
Dr K McIntyre
Dr R Watson
Dr A Forrest
Dr C McAulay

1. Alan Lawrie welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief background to the purpose for the meeting including the current position in regard to the "Way Forward" Discussion Document.

A significant number of issues were raised during the meeting in connection with both the "Way Forward" paper which had been presented to the NHS GG&C Board in August as well as a paper that had been circulated that week to GPs entitled Frequently Raised Issues.

The issues and the basic outcome of discussion on these issues is highlighted below, commencing with those associated with the "Way Forward2 Paper.

2. Consultation – The Timeframe.

It was generally felt there was insufficient time available to allow independent contractors to prepare a response. It was pointed out that both the local Optometrists and Dentists had not been involved in discussion as yet, although efforts had been and were being made to establish such meetings. In addition, it was noted that there had been a slower than anticipated start in terms of dialogue with the Staff Side Organisations. Whilst this was now fixed it was likely to prove challenging to have concluded this process in a satisfactory manner by the end of November

Alan Lawrie agreed that this was a challenge and was keen to ensure that

the final document was as full as possible with all aspects having been properly accounted for. He noted that he planned to discuss timing of the Board papers with Catriona Renfrew. Alan Lawrie will keep G.P.'s updated on the outcome of discussion with Catriona Renfrew. Douglas Colville advised that G.P.'s locally have drafted a response which they propose to share with the Locality Management team and CHP at the same time as it is sent to the NHS GG&C Board, MSP's and local councillors. Douglas Colville acknowledged this paper would require some amendment as some of the areas had already been picked up in the frequently raised issues paper. Alan Lawrie asked if there were other issues identified which could be addressed at this stage before the response document was finalised

3. Section 4.1 - Divergent policies for frontline staff.

The GPs felt that there were no divergent policies. Alan Lawrie pointed to the community nursing review and the joint services agenda which were examples of two such matters which do and will continue to have major impact on primary care staff and are divergent between the SLCHP and NHS GG&C

4. Section 4.5 – funding streams deprived.

GPs felt that the GMS contract was linked with Glasgow Enhanced Services which were ahead of what is in Lanarkshire and this was acknowledged. Alan Lawrie however, gave a real example of where the locality had lost out on breast feeding initiative funding from South Lanarkshire Council due to its NHS GG&C position.

5. Public Consultation -

Douglas Colville acknowledged there was no obligation to move into a public consultation process, however he strongly felt that the local people should be made aware of proposals. Lena Collins advised there had been a piece in the Rutherglen Reformer and no public enquires as a result of this. The proposal was also discussed at the local Public Partnership Forum with no concerns raised. Lena Collins plans to discuss with Local Carers Network in the near future

6. Arrangements with NHS GG&C

GPs felt reassured that if NHS GG&C felt services were not being delivered by the SLCHP through the Locality, that they could returned the management arrangements to the parent board.

There were a number of discussions had in regard to the paper entitled Frequent Raised Issues and these are outlined below

Local Enhanced Services

7. The SLCHP would ensure continuation of those current LESs. However, it was also noted that this arrangement would continue as long as these enhanced services continue to be provided across the rest of the GG&C area. It was noted that should there be changes in the way GG&C funded Enhanced Services for the CH(C)Ps in future years that this could impact upon those offered in Camglen. There was also the real potential for Camglen to look at the Enhanced Service package in NHSL and move to a more closely aligned arrangement.

Alan Lawrie pointed to changes in proposed funding under the new NRAC formula where NHS GG&C is seen to be some £36m over target whereas NHSL is seen to be some £20m under target.

IT Support to Deliver LES

8. Initial discussions have taken place which have been positive, in particular the move to electronic lab results. Transfer arrangements would be achieved through dedicated project management. The position that NHSL took in regard to GPASS replacement was discussed. Alan Lawrie advised that there had been a number of discussions within NHSL. The Lanarkshire LMC in the main appeared to favour GPs across going for one system and it had been agreed that they would be involved in decision making on this matter. It was noted that the LES packages are currently configured around GPASS it was felt that NHSL would be able to support this. It was agreed it made sense for GPs in Camglen to be part of discussion taking place in Lanarkshire.

OoH – Self referrals to Lanarkshire Hospitals

9. It was generally felt this would be no different to what happens currently. It may be appropriate to review protocols and where patient turns up at NHS Lanarkshire acute hospital they are directed to the hospital in NHS GG&C they would attend for elective referral. Alan Lawrie advised he has asked NHS Hub at Hairmyres to review how often patients are referred into a Glasgow PCEC when the NHS Lanarkshire PCEC at Hairmyres is closer.

Prescribing Budget

10. Alan Lawrie clarified accountability sits locally and connects to NHS GG&C system. Alison Birkmyre felt that NHS Lanarkshire may not be able to provide the same level of service in terms of data analysis that is currently provided in Glasgow. Alan Lawrie advised that the percentage of resource to support this would transfer to NHS Lanarkshire. The current Prescribing incentive scheme would come across. There are currently such schemes in parts of NHS Lanarkshire.

LD Service

11. This service would continue to be provided from GG&C unless clinicians felt it would be worthwhile reviewing that position.

Exemptions

12. Diabetic Retinopathy Spirometry. There would require to be some further work done around these areas. Alan Lawrie stated that QoF arrangements would come under NHS Lanarkshire. Keith McIntyre advised that exemptions were reviewed annually in any case so position may change.

New LES

13. It appears following discussion there is very little difference between the two areas. There was recognition of a need for the locality to be represented on both sub groups. Douglas Colville will make informal enquires at next G P sub group meeting.

Next Steps

14. DC to share response paper from Local Health Professionals with the CHP

Alan Lawrie will advise on consultation period following discussion with Catriona Renfrew.

Lena Collins to arrange further meeting on a Friday early December (lunchtime)