

Interim Minutes of the Northampton Locality Board Meeting

11 December 2018 from 12:45 to 14:45

Claret Room, Moulton Community Centre, Sandy Hill, Reedings, Northampton, NN3 7AX

Present

Dr Tom Howseman (TH)	CMEE, Nene CCG (Chair)
Viqar Abbasi	Practice Manager, The Mounts Medical Centre and Favell Plus
Jon Atkinson	Practice Manager, King Edward Road Surgery
Mandy Barford	Deputy Practice Manager, Park Avenue Medical Centre
Dr Naomi Caldwell	GP, Langham Place
Dr Santiago Dargallo Nieto (SD)	GP, County Surgery
Dr Mahesh Dias	GP, Maple Access Medical Centre
Dr Laila Essayed	GP, The Pines Surgery
Julie Harker	Practice Manager, The Crescent Medical Centre
Margaret Keegan	Practice Manager, Queensview Medical Centre
Kris Kuczera	Practice Manager, Weston Favell Health Centre (Dr Molla & Dr Kesani)
Jane Mackenzie	Practice Manager, Weston Favell Health Centre (Dr Jameel)
Dr Catherine Massey	GP, Abington Park Surgery
Sian McLennan	Practice Manager, Woodview Medical Centre
Dr Dipesh Naik	GP, Abington Medical Centre
Pauline Norman	Practice Manager, Kingsthorpe Medical Centre
Ian O'Connor	Practice Manager, Brook Medical Centre
Dr Mumtaz Pardhan	GP, Kingsthorpe Medical Centre
Amal Perera	Practice Manager, Maple Access
Alison Pound	Practice Manager, St Lukes Primary Care Centre
Sara Richards	Practice Manager, The Pines Surgery
Dr Darin Seiger	GP, Moulton Surgery/Nene CCG GP Chair
Gareth Williams	Practice Manager, Park Avenue Medical Centre
Dr Ann Wood	GP, King Edward Road Surgery

In Attendance

Dr Azhar Ali	Nene CCG Clinical Lead for Cancer
Pam Law	Chair of NPEG
Julie Lemmy	Deputy Director of Primary Care, Nene CCG
Jeanette Pidgen (JP)	Locality Manager, Nene CCG
Toby Sanders	CEO for both Corby and Nene CCGs
Donna Watts	Locality Support, Nene CCG

Apologies

David Atkinson	Chair of SPEG
Patrick Morgan	PM, Rillwood Medical Centre

Minute No: Agenda Item

NPTLB18/19 25 1. Welcome and apologies

TH welcomed members to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted and given as above.

TH welcomed Toby Sanders, Dr Azhar Ali and Julie Lemmy to the meeting.

The members of the meeting were reminded to sign in when they arrive.

NPTLB18/19 26 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no new declarations of interest relating to items on the Agenda made by those present.

NPTLB18/19 27 3. Minutes of the last meeting

NPTLB-18-08

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2018 were presented and approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

NPTLB18/19 28 4. Action Log

NPTLB-18-09

MCA Protocol – TH has been contact with NEL CSU, following their governance procedure, required to allow it to be shared widely. Some minor amendments are being made, and this should be available in due course.

Crisis Cafes leaflet – JP demonstrated that this can be found on the Primary Care Portal by entering Crisis Cafes in the search field.

Crib Sheet – JP advised the group that this is still being developed and will be made available on the Primary Care Portal once created.

Medication Review Template – TH has been in contact with NEL CSU, following their governance procedure, to work out how to make this template freely available to any other practices that would find it helpful.

Action DW – Send Crisis Café poster to the Chairs of the LEGs and PPGs.

NPTLB18/19 29 5. Delegated Commissioning

Dr Naomi Caldwell presented the slides on Delegated Commissioning which were sent out to practices at the end of last month. This presentation will accompany the minutes.

Voting papers will be sent via Electoral Reform Society to the named lead GP for each practice. There will be one vote per practice and the voting period will be between 12 December 2018 and 7 January 2019.

Questions

Q – Is there a possibility that vote will be done again if the answer is not “right”?

A – You will recognise that we have had several annual votes of this issue historically this vote has been a no. Last year it was a very close vote there is national indication that maybe 2020/21 may make full delegation obligatory so we would expect that there will be a further vote next year if the vote this year proves to be a NO.

Q – Is there any going back if things do not go as planned?

A – Although there is not necessarily an option to go back if things really went wrong Practices could potentially could raise with NHSE a vote of no confidence against Nene CCG that may lead to different legal directions to the CCG.

Q – Core services are being protected, what are you defining as core services?

A – GMS, QOF, DES broadly do cover the core services.

Q – Is there an idea of how the budget would look if fully delegated?

A – We have not been given the full budget calculations as yet however it is expected there will be a shortfall between costs and money transferred. TS has indicated in his podcast and his discussions today that he is committed to ensuring that this shortfall will be made up by the CCG.

Q – What are the plans for communicating with practices the decision making if Nene CCG becomes fully delegated?

A – We will be using our communication strategy with its several mediums to describe these decisions.

Q – Where is the money coming from to cover the deficit?

A – The overspend will be taken into account in Nene CCGs medium term financial plan and the CCG

will do everything within its control to ring-fence the enhanced primary care budget. It is likely the money will come from growth money.

Q – What were the reasons full delegation was not supported in the past?

A – There may have been a lack in confidence of Nene CCG, this is the place to raise concerns and questions.

Q – What is your personal opinion as a GP?

A – NC responded from a personal GP perspective. She felt now is the time to go. The CCG is in a better position, we know the direction of travel and have an Accountable Officer in place who has the knowledge and experience to support the process.

Q – Is it normal to have such short timescales?

A – A lot of work has been done in the background in preparation for this vote and the potential that the CCG will become fully delegated.

Q – Were there any learning outcomes from when Corby CCG became fully delegated?

A – Information from Corby CCG, very little changed and decisions can now be made locally.

Q – Is there any information available from other CCGs who have become fully delegated on what the outcomes have been?

A – TS described his experience of working in a health economy that had full delegation and highlighted that it enabled more opportunity for innovative primary care contracting than less enabling additional primary care investment rather than less.

Q – Would like a cast iron guarantee that we will not see a reduction in core funding.

A – TS has released a podcast in which he has made a commitment to not reduce the funding in primary care.

Further information including FAQs will be available on the Primary Care Portal.

<http://gp.neneccg.nhs.uk/>

Action - Any questions members may have are to be sent via e-mail to either Dr Matthew Davies, Medical Director, Nene CCG, Dr Naomi Caldwell, Clinical Executive, Nene CCG or to Dr Darin Seiger, GP Chair, Nene CCG.

NPTLB18/19 30 FIT Testing

Dr Azhar Ali gave a presentation on the FIT testing. This new pathway will be used for patients aged 60 or over presenting with a change of bowel habit only and is due to go live late January/early February 2019. The presentation will accompany the minutes.

The GP will request Fit on ICE and the request must be printed and sent to pathology with their other daily bloods and requests. The results will also come back to the GP through ICE and a notification will be sent if the FIT kit has not been returned after 14 days of being sent.

NPTLB18/19 31 7. Q & As / Any Other Business

Inappropriate use of bypass numbers by 111.

TH informed the members that reports have been received from a practice that 111 are using the bypass numbers supplied by practices to inappropriately transfer a patient. TH immediately forwarded the concerns to the appropriate leads this was Jane Taylor and Dr Emma Donnelly, urgent care leads. Jane immediately responded back saying she will look into it and “nip it in the bud”. We will feedback next month.

Action – To provide and update on this at the next Locality Board.

TH’s resignation.

Further to events over the last week where it transpired that GPA held a vote of no confidence in TH’s role as a CMEE, without his knowledge or anyone else at the CCG being aware of GPA’s concerns, TH has decided to step down from his position as Northampton CMEE. This was not because of the information presented by GPA when they proposed a vote of no confidence, but rather that TH

recognises that he is privy to commercially sensitive information about GPA, now that he is a member of BlueMed. To give GPA confidence in the impartiality of the CMEE role, and the importance of relationship building with federations in that CMEE role, TH feels he should step down. However, TH felt it was essential that he read out a statement that corrected the factual inaccuracies that GPA had described of him, and the implied misuse of his position. This statement will follow in due course. SD asked that the decision of TH to resign be reversed to allow a full discussion to be held. TH thanked SD for his support, but stated that he had made his decision, after careful consideration, and that the decision was final. TH confirmed that he will remain in his role as LD/Dementia lead and was happy to remain in the CMEE role to enable a smooth transition to take place with the newly elected CMEE. TH then handed over to Darin who explained the process for appointment to the position of CMEE.

Darin pointed out that this was a very sad time for Northampton where behaviours displayed were not in keeping with the STP agreed values, principles and behaviours and we are all colleagues that need to work together.

He wanted to thank Tom for his leadership of the Northampton locality over the last 2 years and it was really down to Tom's personal qualities that strengthened how the locality worked. Tom had informed Darin of his decision that morning and they discussed the various options that Tom could pursue and he totally supported and respected Tom and the decision he chose to pursue.

The next steps are that the CCG will write to all practices seeking expressions of interest to take on the CMEE role and we would follow the same process as we did two years ago with an assessment panel and those that have the required skills will be put forward for an election. We will do this as soon as possible.

Date and Time of the next meeting

The next Northampton Locality Board meeting will be held on **22 January 2019** in the **Manfield Room, Moulton Community Centre, Sandy Hill, Reedings, Northampton, NN3 7AX** at **12:30** for a **12:45 start to 14:45**.

The Chair brought the meeting to a close at 13:48