

**PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE HEALTH AUTHORITY**

**Fareham GP Locality Commissioning**

Notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10 June 1998 at the Potteries

<b>Present:</b>	Gordon Sommerville	GS	Grant du Feu	GdF
	Nic Allen	NA	Noel Hopkins	NH
	Tim Tayler	TT	Sue Halewood	SH
	Tim Douglas	TD	Richard Roope	RR
	Eric Webster	EW	John Kirtley	JK
	Peter Evans	PE	Hugh Janes	HJ

<b>No</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
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**1 Apologies for Absence**

Jane Barton  
Mike Sadler  
Sam Heal

**2 Notes of the previous meeting (held on Wednesday 13 May)**

These were agreed.

**3 Matters arising from previous meeting**

**3.1 MSU pilot project**

HJ requested that all completed forms be returned to Mike Sadler in order to enable him to evaluate the project.

GPs

**3.2 Practice Manager representation**

HJ confirmed that a letter had gone to all Practice Manager asking for a nominated representative and suggesting that this be discussed at their next meeting.

**4 Pilot issues**

**4.1 Feedback on Pilot status in light of PCG formation**

JK confirmed that due to the introduction of PCGs, GP Commissioning Pilots would be replaced by PCGs on 1 April 1999. Pilot groups would still need to demonstrate any progress made on the clinical objectives which underpinned the pilot and for which funding was given.

GS reported from a recent budget setting group at which discussion was taking place between the HA and representatives of each of the proposed PCGs on the mechanism of devolving budgets to each PCG. Shadow budgets were also being set up for a number of services, as this would help the PCGs determine the level and type of information and support required to manage these budgets.

JK also reported on additional cash being made available to support non-pilot practices in setting up PCGs. GdF and PE asked whether this meant that they could be paid for attending these meetings. JK agreed to look into this and report back.

JK/HJ

**Post meeting note:** Regional guidance has now confirmed that this is possible.

#### 4.2 Update on prescribing

SH outlined the current position on prescribing stating that progress was being made although further work was required. It was agreed that SH would visit all practices to discuss their individual positions and agree what further work could be undertaken.

SH

#### 4.3 Prescribing day: 10 July

It was agreed that practices wishing to send a representative to this day should do so, but that time had been set aside on the awayday in order to discuss the position in Fareham with Katie Hovenden and Sue Halewood.

#### 4.4 Incentive payments for prescribing

The paper was accepted, although RR raised the issue of GPs encouraging patients to buy certain items and the possibility of this resulting in misleading interpretation of the prescribing figures. It was therefore agreed that specific issues be addressed to Sue Halewood or Katie Hovenden.

#### 4.5 Update on current specialty issues

NA explained that he had updated John Hughes in order to ensure that the Havant group were aware of the proposed use of Haslar for direct access MRI. NA had also spoken with the Orthopaedic Consultants at PHT and they were happy to undertake work on patients who had received an MRI at Haslar, the only issue being to set up a mechanism of transferring the results of the MRI to PHT.

TD reported that PHT's Dermatology service were moving towards providing a one stop service.

EW raised the issue of hospitals prescribing 4 layer bandages for patients with leg ulcers, yet not all of the four items are prescribable in general practice. SH agreed to look into this in more detail.

SH

HJ explained that both the Havant and Portsmouth Pilots had each nominated two practices to take part in a trial aimed at providing phone access to patients results and discharge summaries. The aim of this trial was to provide direct access to results and discharge summaries, as they would be held on a computer and accessed via the telephone. TT and RR volunteered their practices and HJ agreed to forward this information to PHT.

HJ

### 5 Primary Care Groups

#### 5.1 Awayday

The previously circulated issues to be discussed at the awayday were agreed and HJ agreed to apply for PGEA and circulate an agenda prior to the awayday.

HJ

### 6 Any other business

**Physiotherapy** HJ reported that he was still trying to obtain figures on staff allocation by practice and agreed to report back as soon as these figures were available.

HJ

**SIMPLE Indicators** It was agreed that the codes for each practice be circulated with the next set of meeting notes (attached).

HJ

**Ophthalmology** GdF asked what progress had been made regarding the continuation of their Ophthalmology clinic at highlands Road. HJ reported that he had met with Jane Horner and agreed to set up a follow-on meeting involving Portsmouth Hospitals, however the preliminary figures did appear rather small given the relatively high costs of the field analyser and this may well prove to be somewhat of a stumbling block.

HJ

**7 Date and venue and time of next meeting**

Wednesday 15 July 1998 at 7.30 pm in the Potteries (changed from 8 July)