

Greater Manchester Pathology Network – Priority Action Group – Meeting Notes/Report

Priority Action Group 2 – POCT
 Monday 7th September 2009 2.00 pm – 4.00pm.
 G54, One Central Park, Northampton Road, Newton Heath, Manchester. M40 5BP

In attendance			Apologies	
Carol Chadwick	CC	Central Manchester NHS Foundation Trust	Judith Ball	WWL NHS Foundation Trust
Kiran Dhir	KD	Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust	Jean Burns	The Christie NHS Foundation Trust
Samantha Ekin	SE	Stockport NHS Foundation Trust	Gillian Burrows	Stockport NHS Foundation Trust
Laura Kidd	LK	GMPCTs	Brendan Devine	Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust
John Kirk	JK	UHSM NHS Foundation Trust	Christine Hill	Trafford Healthcare NHS Trust
Rachel Pearson	RP	GMPCTs	Kath Hayden	Central Manchester NHS Foundation Trust
Lodzia Pitchford	LP	Royal Bolton Hospital NHS Foundation Trst	Keith Hyde	Central Manchester NHS Foundation Trust
Jeff Seneviratne	KS	GMPCTs	Emma James	Central Manchester NHS Foundation Trust
Keith Wiener	KW	Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust	Neil Jenkinson	GMPCTs
			Michelle Miller	Tameside Hospitals NHS Foundation T
			Fiona Noden	Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust
			Gillian Tranter	Trafford Healthcare NHS Trust
			Dave Trinick	Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust
			Gilbert Wieringa	Royal Bolton Hospital NHS Foundation Trst
			Carolyn Williams	Royal Bolton Hospital NHS Foundation Trst

Discussion Points

- **Minutes of Meeting held on 6th July 2009** - agreed as a correct record.
- **Matters Arising** – there were no matters arising.
- **Network Strategy Group** –
- RP explained to the group that there will be workshops run via the NAG meetings throughout September 2009.
- JS updated the group regarding the GM LIMS business case. JS explained that funding for the business case has come from the GM ICT Programme Board. The deadline for the business case in February 2010 so that if agreement is given to continue the project can be included in the March 2010 considerations for the following financial year. The group enquired if there would be a universal POCT database and asked about Lorenzo connection. RP stated that these points would be looked at in the business case. CC mentioned that it would be good to standardise as mandatory requirements vary from Trust to Trust. LK to email minutes of the GM LIMS Project Board meeting for information purposes.
- JS confirmed that a POCT representative would be needed on the GM LIMS project team.
- **Priority Action Group Issues**
- Ratification of “Quick SOP”: SE explained that the “Quick SOP” was ratified by the Board on 7th August 2009. SE has made an amendment to the SOP following a recommendation from the Board. LK to recirculate the amended document to the group with the minutes of this meeting.
- BIO NAGs Standard Dual Reporting: DT was not available so this agenda item has been deferred to the meeting on Monday 9th November 2009.
- Letter to Siemens re: HbA1c Reporting: CC explained that she has contacted the Siemens representative and has been informed that there are no DCA 2000s in the community and all Vantages have been upgraded free of charge. All members of the group disagreed with this information as at least three Trusts represented at this meeting have DCA2000s. Siemens state that all DCA 2000s known about within the community have been upgraded but not hospitals.
- Siemens have agreed to make the amendments to the table suggested by this PAG group. CC enquired as to whether anyone within the group has used the table or wheel. CC explained that in her experience the table was good for hospital use and the pocket size wheel for use within the community.
- CC to write to Siemens. JK to forward Ken McCarthy's contact details to CC in the hope that this situation will be taken to a higher level.
- Network Standards for POCT: SE circulated the draft “Network Standards for POCT.” SE felt the document was a little repetitive and may need an introduction and summary. LK will mark the document as “draft” and circulate with the minutes. SE asked that comments be returned to her directly by at the latest 30th September 2009. JS commented that commissioners need to adopt this document and abide by it. JS suggested that the Network take advice on how to achieve this. JS suggested that the document be taken to Board on 2nd October 2009 for information ONLY.
- SE confirmed she would be a speaker at the Listening Event - Meeting the needs of Primary Care, Wednesday 7th October 2009. The group agreed that if the document was branded with the Network logo then this event could be used as the

launch for the "Network Standards for POCT" it would be an excellent opportunity to launch the consultation period with Primary Care which can be carried out via the GM Pathology website.

- Early Intervention Centre Service – SE informed the group that the EIC service has gone live. The aim of the service is for GPs to refer patients there that do not need secondary care but need more care than GPs can give. This service requires pathology but it is all done by POCT all results come through are matched up and fed back so GPs hospitals have access to what tests have been carried out at the EIC. The centre has seen its first patients today.
- This service is a pilot at the moment and is run at Kingsgate House on the A6 if the pilot is successful the centre will be rebuilt at St Thomas'. SE stressed the importance of this project as it shows we can connect to the community. JS commented that when a Trust achieves something that would be beneficial to other Trusts within the Region it should be promoted within the Network. JS agreed to update other Trusts about this project. Stuart Rogers will be asked to give an update to the PAG 5 IM & T group.
- KW enquired if protocols have been given to GPs with referral criteria. SE confirmed this is the case. The centre primarily takes GP referrals but will not turn people away. EIC state if they stop 3 people per day going into secondary care they will make money. The centre currently operates Mon – Fri but will be 7 days. The group enquired who staff the centre and SE explained there are a mix of clinical consultant nurses, nurses, GPs and rotational consultants from A & E.
- **Any Other Business** –
- IBMS CPD - Certificates were distributed to those attending.
- RHS Tatton Flower Show – JS explained to the group that the Pathology Garden at this years RHS Tatton flower show had been awarded the silver medal. JS explained that the garden had received media coverage and that members of the pathology community had successfully interacted with the general public to raise the profile of Pathology. A meeting will be held at Stepping Hill Hospital on Wednesday 30th September 2009 at 4pm. There will be presentations given by Emma Watson, Clive Scott and Aram Rudenski. The aim is to thank all those who took part and to decide whether or not to participate next year.
- Chair - SE informed the group that the meeting taking place on 9th November 2009 will be her last as Chair. SE will attend the Jan 2010 meeting but not chair and therefore SE asked the group to consider who will replace her and whether the group would like the replacement to be on a temporary or permanent basis. SE will return in September 2010. LK to email the group and ask for volunteers and to find out the groups wishes.
- Blood Glucose Strips – KW enquired if the group had heard about a move from the government to try to cut GPs prescribing blood glucose testing strips to patients. The group in general were unaware of this.

Actions

- RP to take draft Guidelines for Point of Care Testing in the Community Setting to Board 02/10/09 for information
- LK to recirculate to the group the amended "Quick SOP" document
- JK to forward Ken McCartney's contact details to CC
- CC to write to Siemens
- LK to mark draft Network Standards for POCT "draft" and circulate to the group for comment by 30th September 2009
- SE to prepare Stuart Rogers to give an update at the PAG 5 IM & T meeting on the EIC
- LK to email group regarding replacement Chair

Recommendations to the Greater Manchester Pathology Network Board (if any)

- To note draft Guidelines for Point of Care Testing in the Community Setting

Date and Time of Next Meeting

- Monday 9th November 2009, 2pm- 4pm, One Central Park, Manchester. M40 5BP