

FILE NOTE**RE: DR JB - MEETING HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 2002****PRESENT:**

Dr Gordon Sommerville

✓ Dr Bob Button

Dr J Barton

Alan Pickering

Gordon welcomed back Dr Barton to the PCT and to the practice.

Gordon confirmed JB's offer of a continued voluntary ban on OP prescribing. This was agreed despite the fact that the GMC does not require it. It was pointed out that this has implications for the remaining practice members. Dr Barton had been advised by her medical defence society to carry a single vial of diamorphine in case she was presented with an absolute medical emergency.

It was confirmed that the above arrangement does not, in practice, compromise the patients' safety in her practice list, thanks to the partners in the practice for accepting and dealing with this voluntary restriction.

JB agreed her voluntary restriction covers opiates. Benzodiazepines would be prescribed strictly within BNF guidelines.

The monitoring arrangements proposed by the SHA were explained. There was concern that whilst PACT data analysis was acceptable and reasonable, the proposal to visit local pharmacies to review scripts caused concern by Dr Button, who implied that it was both unnecessary and inappropriate. The question of what the letter would say to the pharmacies was not clarified as the letter had yet to be written. AP pointed out that this element of the verification process had not started. JB agreed to discuss this with her MDU representative. Pending this, the PCT would not plan reviewing FP10's in local pharmacies

Bob Button was of the view that these spot visits to pharmacies had not been agreed with JB nor are they appropriate given the nature of her voluntary restriction.

The issue of a draft press briefing, produced by Dr Simon Tanner, was raised and a copy passed to the PCT. AP agreed that there were no plans for issuing a press briefing in any respect at this stage.

Alan Pickering
Acting Chief Executive

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