

Minutes of the Meeting of the Spilsby Patient Participation Group

Wednesday 8 June 2016

The Grange, Ashby-by-Partney

Present: Dorothy Dobson (Chair) Stephanie Wroe
Maureen Jarvis Christina Holmes
Jeanette Amaral Julie Rajput

Apologies: Enid Bailey Ken Wroe Jason Longstaff

Absent: Margaret Saunders

Dorothy read a letter out from Margaret Saunders saying that owing to personal reasons she would not be joining us on the Committee. Jeanette reported that Enid Bailey had emailed this week tendering her resignation also owing to personal reasons. Both resignations were accepted and Dorothy undertook to write to Margaret and Enid confirming this.

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Enid, Ken and Jason.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The previous minutes were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Jeanette still to write to Victoria Atkin MP raising our concerns over the possible downgrading of the Pilgrim Hospital. Dorothy mentioned that she had spoken to Cllr Graham Marsh who is also on the Alford PPG about Victoria Atkin's visit to them and how disappointed we had been not to have received a formal response to our letter at the latter part of last year, in connection with the £5/head monies.

4. Good Neighbour Scheme Update

No further updates about this scheme had been received by anyone. After the last PPG meeting Jeanette had been asked to ring a patient who said he had wanted to join the PPG but hadn't heard from us. After some discussion with the

patient it had become clear that it was the Good Neighbour Scheme he was referring to. Jeanette advised him to ring Jeannie Bee at the Surgery.

It was agreed that we would write to Jeannie Bee for an update.

Possible Downgrading of Pilgrim Hospital Boston

Julie reported that she had attended the focus group meeting recently at Liquorpond Street Surgery, organised by Phillip Bosworth. He had been doing a lot to raise awareness of this issue and had been campaigning outside the Petwood Hotel at a recent CCG meeting. Julie tabled a paper put together by Mr Bosworth who had been in touch with other areas in the country which have faced or are still facing similar threats to their maternity, paediatric and neonatal services, what they had done to try and prevent this and what we could learn from it. Mr Bosworth had also been meeting with key people at the Pilgrim and there is some talk now of an Equality Impact Assessment being undertaken. One of the things of concern to the focus group is how can a nurse led unit be trained if there are no resident Drs on site. Julie said that the next focus group meeting was still to be arranged. Maureen presented the hard copy petition from the Spilsby Library with around 100 names on it. It was noted that the petition would be running to the end of September. Jeanette said she would scan and email it to the Focus Group. It was noted that a message about this had been put onto the Surgery website, a hard copy of the petition was on the PPG noticeboard and Chris had recently raised awareness of it at a Halton Hologate Parish meeting. Jeanette had similarly written to all virtual members.

5. Mobile Chemotherapy Bus

Jeanette still to submit FOI to ULHT asking what financial resource it was costing to run the 'mobile' chemo bus at Lincoln County Hospital and what the donations from local organisations for the unit had been used for. Julie mentioned that she had seen the bus being used outside the Oncology unit at Lincoln County Hospital on two occasions that she had been there recently and also reported that there were a couple of pots in the Oncology department asking for donations. It was agreed that Chris should propose a question for the agenda of the next ULHT meeting on 18 July and Dorothy would ring ULHT to ask what the staffing arrangements were for running the unit (previously in responses ULHT had said that this was one of the reasons it wasn't mobile as they hadn't got the trained staff), which venues it was being used at (someone had seen it at Pilgrim Hospital recently), why it wasn't mobile and going to the towns on the east coast for which it was originally intended and what any donated monies for it had been used on. As raised at previous meetings the resources being used for this could go to supporting 2 to 3 chairs for chemotherapy at Skegness Hospital.

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6. Surgery Update

There was no surgery update as Jason was not in attendance. It was noted that this week there was a 21 day waiting time to see any doctor. It was agreed that we would ask Jason at the next meeting what arrangements are in place to cover annual leave periods. We were reminded that at the previous meeting Jason had said that every week between then and November one of the clinicians would be on leave. Action

7. Consortium Update

Dorothy said that the next meeting had not yet been fixed and the previous one was cancelled.

8. Any Other Business

Non-Emergency Transport to Hospitals

Jeanette tabled an email from Jason around non-emergency transport to hospital and two focus events had been arranged to get patients' views. These were 9 June, 1-4pm at Louth County Hospital and 13 June 9-12 at Pilgrim Hospital. It was noted that all these events took place during the daytime and never in the evening when people working would have a chance to attend.

Newsletter

Steph reported that she had written and taken the latest newsletter in to Jason. As no one had seen it, it was agreed that we would ask Jason for an update. Action

NAPP

Jeanette would progress with Jason our application to join the NAPP. Action