

**Forest of Dean Health Forum**  
**West Dean Centre, Bream**  
**Tuesday 6th December 2016 – 7.00-9.00pm**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Albert Weager – Chair	Caroline Smith CCG
Dr Peter Jackson – Governor GHNHST	Jane Lloyd – Village Agent
Hilary Bowen – Governor Barnwood T	Visitor
Angela Davies – Friends of Lydney Hospital	Doug Battersby
Mary Thurston - FOLH	Roger Sterry – Cinderford TC
Lynn Sterry – Cinderford TC	Don Pugh – Lydney TC

Apologies: Linda Vaughan, Jim Spiers, Di Martin, Lynn Teague, Roger James, Tony Midgely, Melanie Getgood, Jane Hamilton, Jackie Jenkins

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The chair and members welcomed Carl Davies and Kathy Gibbons from the CCG who came to update on the Musculoskeletal Clinical (MSK) Programme and some other matters. Carl is a physiotherapist, by training, Kathy a NHS manager

2. Carl first described the concept of MSK and that a Clinical Programme (CP) had been in place for some 2-3 years. A process of engagement had taken place which asked people how they felt about the services on offer. The engagement process embraced a workshop which attracted sixty five contributors from a wide range of services. They were asked what they understood by MSK, how it could be supported and where the gaps are. Locality engagements will happen, but there is a delay as STPs bed down into the system and clusters become established. The outcome of the workshop was people felt confused, rightly so thought Carl. Three different models of care and provision were in place, a systemic problem. Workshops also explored the role of the voluntary community sector. A very clear mandate for change emerged with a vision to 'make it simple, make it clear, make it work'. A three year plan was designed and phase one has been delivered. The CP is people centred with the aim to ensure quicker access to the right service. Transformation is bringing value to the local health economy and to patients and the CP has attracted the attention of NHS England. Phase two will see further transformation with the active involvement of GPs and the advent of advanced practitioners, linked electronically to some practices. Self-referral to podiatry and physiotherapy remains a patient choice option. Phase two will also consider how best to link up with the voluntary sector in a meaningful way. Carl closed by saying there is a lot more to do.

A question/answer period followed. The answers revealed that communications across the system are very important, outpatient appointments will be reduced. There will be early conversations with patients who should receive a streamlined, defined, care pathway. The importance of physical activity was confirmed, to improve function.

There was a short break for seasonal refreshments and some intermingling before the meeting resumed. Reports were received from members, the chair and treasurer.

### 3. Matters Arising

Peter Jackson, GHT Forest governor corrected a couple of errors from his November report and advised the meeting that:

- a) Smart Care, phase one went live as planned, first week of December.
- b) The independent financial review is being carried out by consultants Deloitte.
- c) The name of the new Chair is Peter Lachecki.
- d) The Trust is in a deficit of 24 million & with a previously projected surplus of 18 million equals 42 million in total.

### 4. Chair's report - attached

### 5. Treasurers report – attached. Balance of £1121.89

### 6. Future meetings:

- Telecare - February 7<sup>th</sup> 2017

We hope that the new Chief Executive of Glos Hospitals NHS Trust will be able to attend our March meeting.

Other suggestions were:

The Drug and Alcohol Service

Independence Trust – Healthy Lifestyles Service

Fire Service – home and road safety

Learning Disabilities

### 7. AOB

Nil

## Chair's Report to the Forest of Dean Health Forum 061216

There are currently two main pre occupations within the county's health and care system, addressing the need to prepare adequately for this winter and the development and implementation of the Gloucestershire Sustainability Plan (STP)

A&E Delivery Board 081116) There has been an Urgent and Emergency Care summit facilitated by Shaun Clee, 2Gether Trust CEO.

The main thrust of this summit was around bed occupation and changes in culture which would see all parts of the system becoming less risk averse with 'home first for discharge' to be the new norm. This will emplace from a bed based system to one of home/community. ( easier said than done AW)

A complete system reset is required as available staff become more innovative.

During the period mid- December to mid- January it is expected that the number of medical beds available for elective care, will be reduced by 55. An Operational Pressures Escalation Levels framework will be in place to help health and care systems across the country manage their flow of patients.

NHS England is expecting acute hospitals to reduce bed occupancy to 85%. Can this be done in Gloucestershire?

There was a presentation and discussion on emerging models of urgent care.

Health and Social Care Awards, Glos Cathedral 081116. Met the MC, BBC presenter Dr Phil Hammond who is also works at the RUH (Royal United Hospital) Bath.

SPCA (Single Point of Clinical Access) 151116. Spent the morning there, very interesting and informative. I was made very welcome and received an invitation to go out with the RRT (Rapid Response Team). This should take place on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> with the local, Forest team.

061216 Health and Wellbeing Providers meeting at GCC Adult Learning Centre.

There was a range of presentations on the STP and workshop discussions. I had the opportunity for conversations with the Director of Public Health and the new chair of the hospitals trust who expressed an interest in coming along to a Forum meeting to say hello and discover what we are about.

**Monthly Financial Report Meeting Date December 6<sup>th</sup>. 2016**

**October 2016. ( 3<sup>rd</sup>. October – 2<sup>nd</sup>. November 2016)**

**Opening Balance. £1051:89p.**

**Income. £ 70:00p. Newland Parish Council (Grant)**

**Outgoing.**

**Closing Balance. £1121:89p.**

*James E. Spiers*

**Treasurer**