

**Forest of Dean Health Forum  
West Dean Centre, Bream  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – 7.00-9.00pm**

**Minutes**

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| Albert Weager – Chair                              | Linda Vaughan – Secretary      |
| Dr Peter Jackson                                   | Doug Battersby                 |
| Di Martin – Committee Cinderford TC                |                                |
| Marie Fraser Griffiths – Friends LDH               | Mary Thurston – Friends of LDH |
| Hilary Bowen – Public Gov 2Gether & Barnwood Trust |                                |
| Roger Pickett – Fire Service                       | Kim Lloyd – Fire Service       |

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Albert welcomed everyone and introduced our Speaker.
2. **Apologies:** Lynn Teague, Angela Davies, Mel Preston, Jim Spiers, Steph Bonser, Caroline Smith, Jackie Jenkins, Lynn Sterry, Roger Sterry.
3. **Speaker: Roger Pickett – Fire and Rescue Service**  
Roger came along with a colleague, Kim Lloyd, to explain the range of services now offered both within the home and on the road. He explained how the service has evolved from being an emergency fire service to encompass more preventative work and to provide education and advice to everyone from schoolchildren to the elderly.

**HOME SAFETY**

Free Safe and Well checks will assess the risk in the home and install free smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors if needed. Carbon monoxide being a huge risk in the Forest because of the number of wood burners used. The fire officer will also take into account anyone with poor mobility and/or dementia and will look at escape routes, electrical sockets and give advice about bed-time checks, mobile phones and other equipment that may be left on standby. They work closely with Village Agents, doctors and nurses and can refer to Telecare if appropriate. They can provide fire retardant bedding and will liaise with the family and carers if a risk is identified.

- It is very easy to access the FREE Safe and Well service to ask for advice and practical help simply by contacting:

**[www.glosfire.gov.uk](http://www.glosfire.gov.uk) or telephone 0800 180 41 40**

**ROAD SAFETY**

The Fire Service is working hard to educate young people about safe driving and the dangers of getting in a car when the driver is not fit to drive. Drive iQ is an interactive e-learning tool for new drivers and can be accessed via **[www.driveiqglos.co.uk](http://www.driveiqglos.co.uk)**. There is also advice about child car seats.

There are many helpful booklets available covering all aspects of home and road safety which give lots of tips about what to do in an emergency and contact numbers for the organisations you may need to contact.

In answer to questions Roger explained that there are only retained fire officers in the Forest with Gloucester and Cheltenham being manned by full-time staff. He explained the criteria for responding and the role of the Fire Service in the integrated emergency response teams.

It was suggested that videos/DVDs would be a useful tool in educating people about safety and Roger agreed to take that suggestion back, as there are none available at the moment.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

Hilary Bowen wanted to point out that she is a Public Governor for the 2Gether Trust and the Barnwood Trust and can be contacted in that capacity at any time. When she attends the Forum meetings, however, she often speaks from a personal perspective and not as a Governor.

#### **5. News Updates and correspondence**

- Defibrillation Awareness session will be held at the West Dean Centre on 13<sup>th</sup> April.
- The Chair of the Diabetic group has offered free CPR training through the British Heart Foundation. Please let me know if you would be interested in taking part in this.

#### **6. Chair's report – attached below**

#### **7. Treasurers Report-** Balance as at 2<sup>nd</sup> February - £1053.89

#### **8. Members Reports**

Dr Peter Jackson gave the following update on Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Trust:

1) The £30 million deficit reported in September is on track to close at the end of our financial year at £18 million.

2) The CQC report for Gloucester Hospitals Foundation Trust will be published last week of May.

3) The financial independent Review of the Trust by Deloitte is now concluding and will be presented in the confidential section of the Trust's May Board meeting. This will be followed by a Public announcement later.

3 ) Following interviews last month a new Director of Finance Mr Steve Webster has been appointed. He will commence mid June

Doug Battersby pointed out that there are now restrictions on the prescribing of Gluten Free products and other over the counter medication. In the interest of using prescribing money wisely for essential drugs, the public will be expected to buy some products can be bought cheaply but that were previously prescribed.

#### **9. Future meetings:**

The Chief Executive of Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Trust will attend the meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

The Ambulance Trust will attend on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **10. AOB**

## Chair's Report to the Forest of Dean Health Forum040417

- March 10<sup>th</sup> Committee gave Jan Baynham, former chair, a farewell lunch at Café 16, Coleford.
- March 16<sup>th</sup>. Chair attended 'Deteriorating Patient' at Brockworth, Chase Hotel.
- This event was organised by the West of England Academic Health Science Network (WEAHSN) as part of its Safer Patient programme of work. The principle focus was on the developing use of National Early Warning Scores (NEWS) in its area. This varies considerably across its area.
- March 23<sup>rd</sup>. met with secretary, Linda Vaughan, to discuss Forum business.
- March 28<sup>th</sup>. Attended a meeting of the Gloucestershire Health Community Task Group, joining a range of commissioners and providers.
- The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the wider use of NEWS in Gloucestershire, as this is somewhat limited at the moment, particularly by the GP community. Wider usage in the hospitals and by the ambulance service.
- The ambulance service has experienced some difficulties due to the system of recording patient measurements. This is being addressed. Inputted data is electronically forwarded to the receiving Emergency Department (ED).
- Concerns have arisen about clinical responsibility during the patient journey.
- A big change in culture is underway and efforts will be made to develop greater use by GPs wishing to admit patients.
- NICE has made an input to recommend that patients with a NEWS of >5 be routinely screened for Sepsis.
- Companies are developing mobile telecare apps to monitor (hospital) patients who may be moving around.
- Joining Up Your Information (JUYI) will also need a big change in culture as it rolls out in 2017. It will replace telephone calls and will be available at the press of a button?
- NEWS mark 2 is on the horizon!
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- Albert Weager Chair 040417