

Forest of Dean Health Forum
West Dean Centre, Bream
Tuesday 1st November 2016 – 7.00-9.00pm

Minutes

Attendees:

Linda Vaughan – Secretary	Albert Weager – Chair
Brian James – Friends of Lydney Hospital	Di Martin – Cinderford TC
Peggy Jordan - Public	Hilary Bowen – Governor Barnwood Trust
Lynn Sterry – Cinderford TC	Jim Spiers - Treasurer
Dr Peter Jackson – Governor GHNHST	Tim Fretter - FVAF
Clive Elsmore – FODDC / CTC	Angela Davies- Friends of Lydney Hospital
Terry Hale – Newland/FODDC	Jackie Jenkins – Community Manager GCS
Doug Battersby	Neil Moffat - Telecare

1. Welcome and Introductions

Albert welcomed members and introduced our speaker Rod Brown, Head of Planning, Compliance and Partnerships – Gloucestershire Care Services along with Caroline Smith from the CCG

Rod outlined plans for ONE Gloucestershire which would mean One Place, One Budget, One System.

The Sustainable Transformation Plan (STP) is a system-wide 5 year plan based on focused organisations working in harmony to close the three gaps identified in the NHS

- Health and wellbeing
- Care and Quality
- Finance and efficiency

There is a predicted £22 billion shortfall nationally over 5 years and the 44 geographic STPs need to make a genuine transformation in patient experience whilst achieving improved health outcomes in the longer term which must be sustainable.

There is a population of around 622,000 in Gloucestershire and the STP will be published in the next 2 weeks. The priorities are:

- Enabling active communities/self-care & prevention e.g social prescribing
- A Clinical programme approach to improve the patient journey e.g respiratory, cancer
- Clinical variations to eliminate waste and make best use of resources
- One Place, one budget, one system

This would bring together Community Hospitals, Integrated Community Teams, Specialist Services, Dental Services, Therapy Services, Sexual Health Services, Minor Injuries and Illness Units, Independent Living Services, Children’s Services and Rapid Response.

The Community model needs to change because:

- The Population is living longer.
- As the age profile of the population increases, so does the number of people living with long-term conditions.
- Demand is increasing but resources are not.
- Primary Care (GPs) is under increasing pressure.

- It is evident that the current community models will not be able to deliver the scale of transformational change required.

The Sustainable Transformation Plan will be led by an independent Chair who, along with the CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group), will be the driving force.

GPs will work more closely together in “Clusters” each of which will support a population of up to 30,000 depending on the geography of the areas. It will encourage other providers to work with these clusters including, Gloucestershire Care Services, 2Gether Trust, Glos Hospitals Trust, South West Ambulances, Glos County Council, the Voluntary Sector etc.

The Clusters will review services, evaluate resources and establish whether there are better options to provide care in or closer to home for people who are frequently admitted to hospital.

The aim and objectives are:

- To deliver a real change in ensuring more accessible, sustainable and higher quality out-of-hospital care.
- To enable a range of services from primary, community and mental health care to work together removing organisational boundaries so that more people are treated in the most appropriate manner and setting.
- To wrap care around the patient with the support of social care to ensure that patients stay healthier, independent and at home for longer.
- To identify those people who need more support than others.
- To reduce duplication and address overlaps in service delivery.
- To increase the focus on prevention.
- To work differently to deliver the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

Where changes may happen there will be consultation with the population.

Questions were asked about the future of our community hospitals but there has been no decision made as yet. The review is ongoing.

The presentation will be sent to members.

2. Apologies

Antony Midgley. Shaun Stammers, Lynn Teague, Stephanie Bonser, Mel Preston, Farooq Ismail, Mary Thurston.

3. Matters Arising from the minutes

One correction – the number of interviewees for the post of Chair of Glos Hospitals NHS was 3

4. Members Reports

Neil Lachecki will take over from Prof Claire Chilvers as Chair of Glos Hospitals NHS Trust.

The Chief Executive is Deborah Lee.

The Hospitals Trust is in special measures and NHS Improvement is looking at all aspects. An external team will look at why there is an income of 18m and a deficit of 24m – the worst deficit of all Trusts in the UK

The SmartCare computer system will go live on December 2nd but will not yet include pharmacy or pathology.

Forest Sensory Services have been awarded a contract

Shaun Stammers was nominated and approved as a new member of the Health Forum Committee.

5. Chair's report

The Chair reported on meetings attended during October and his forthcoming visit to the Single Point of Access Clinical Centre at Pioneer Court.

He also commented on the changes within the Ambulance Service which appear to be having a detrimental effect in the Forest, along with the perceived decline in the "on the scene" quality of care.

Report attached.

6. Treasurers Report- Balance as at 2nd October - £1096.89

7. Future meetings:

- MusculoSkeletal (MSK) programme - Carl Davies and Kathy Gibbons – December 6th 2016
- Telecare - February 7th 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

8. AOB

Nil

Chair's Report to the Forest of Dean Health Forum 011116

October 13th. Was a very busy day; an early meeting of the A&E Delivery Board, followed later by a meeting of the Blood Transfusion Committee and the Care Services AGM.

There was also an opportunity after the early meeting to ask about the future of Lydney Hospital's operating theatre.

On the 13th there was a meeting with Forum Secretary, Linda Vaughan, to discuss various matters of Forum business.

On the 24th the chair and secretary attended the AGM of the Gloucestershire Older Peoples Assembly (GOPA). Meeting business was followed by a presentation on Dementia from Helen Vaughan.

On 25th there was a committee meeting at the Speech House when the agenda featured future speakers, Forum website and the possible purchase of a projector for the Forum. Shaun Stammers was welcomed as a new committee member.

The chair and secretary are attending a GCS Community Services event in Gloucester on Nov. 3rd. The chair is looking forward to an early visit to the Single Point of Access, managed by Care Services.

Matters of concern

The apparent re configuration of ambulance services in the Forest as the RRVs (Rapid Response Vehicles) have seemingly been redeployed elsewhere in the county.

There is a perceived decline in the 'on scene' quality of care by the ambulance service as more patients have been conveyed to hospital, than previously in 2015-16.

'See and Treat' paramedics are facing long delays waiting for clinical advice and end up taking the patient to hospital.

Albert Weager Chair 011116