

**Forest of Dean Health Forum
West Dean Centre, Bream
Tuesday 3rd April 2018 - 7.00-9.00pm**

Minutes

Present:

Albert Weager - Chair
Judy Gazzard
Doug Battersby
John Thurston – Friends LDH
Hilary Bowen
Neil Moffatt – GCS
Barbara Jenkins

Linda Vaughan - Secretary
Caroline Smith – NHS GCCG
Mary Thurston – Friends LDH
Julie Burlow – Two Rivers Housing
Peggy Jordan
Shaun Stammers – FVAF

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** The Chair, Mr Albert Weager welcomed our attendees and introduced our Speaker.
2. **Speaker:** – Shaun Stammers - Community Facilitator for FVAF working specifically on a Cinderford Health & Well-being project.

The project is entitled Cinderford Health & Well-being and is funded by the GCC via FVAF with the FODDC holding the Service Level Agreement with FVAF. The aim is to look at community based approaches to improving personal health & wellness.

Shaun's presentation outlined the aims of the project which is to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals by strengthening local communities. The outcome is to reduce the need to access statutory services and to give people an improved sense of wellbeing and resilience.

Research has shown that the biggest single factor impacting on our long term health and well-being is the participation in social activities. Loneliness and social isolation are very real but hidden killers and we have become over reliant on statutory services for support.

The timescale for the project is just two years with an evaluation in October 2018.

The Ethos is to enable community groups to form, organise and implement their projects by taking away the administration and financial burden. There are many case studies listed in the attached presentation document.

The project will be “advertised” by the distribution of leaflets and by talking to individuals and community groups that already exist. Examples could be a Community Café, Gardening groups, Life-long summer school, First aid, Town Museum, CindiSheds, Arts and crafts, Sport & Recreation.

The challenges include demonstrating that the investment in community-led projects result in improved individual health outcomes which reduce the use of formal health services. Transport is also an issue in the Forest.

In the future it is hoped to pilot schemes across the Forest of Dean. There is the opportunity to engage with university students and provide a centre for Community Education and a Forest Education Forum.

Shaun can be contacted by email: community@fvaf.org Telephone: FVAF 01594 822073

3. **Apologies:** Jackie Jenkins, Jim Spiers, Di Martin, Cheryl Haswell, Lynn Teague.

4. Matters Arising - nil

5. News Updates and correspondence

New Joint Chief Executive for both 2Gether NHS Foundation Trust and Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust – Mr Paul Roberts will take up his post on 16th April.

Nomination for Patient and Public Parliamentary Award – Albert and the Forum have been nominated by our MP for a national award in the category of Patient and Public Involvement. The shortlist will be announced on 21st May.

Hilary Bowen suggested that Dr Gail Hodgson is deserving of recognition for her lifetime work in mental health and would welcome support from any members who may wish to add their tributes to her. These will be forwarded to Gail via Colliers Court.

Citizens Jury for consideration of site of new hospital. The Citizens Juries Community Interest Company have been appointed to run an independent citizens jury to consider the location of the new hospital. It works in partnership with the Jefferson Center, the US based charity which developed the method. The Jury will be made up of 18 local residents and four health care professionals. It is expected that the jury will sit for three and a half days and be presented with information and hear from expert witnesses to take a view on whether the hospital should be located near Cinderford, Lydney or Coleford. Dr Malcolm Oswald is the Director of the Citizens Jury. The deadline for applications is 22nd April and the jury will meet for three days from 29th May at Forest Hills Golf Club.

John Thurston expressed his concern that the criteria for the decision making has changed from the original proposals and that from speaking to Dr Oswald he felt that the input from the Forest people would be largely disregarded. Caroline Smith offered to go through the detail with him before she speaks to Dr Oswald later in the week.

With regard to the planning of the new hospital it was made clear that the “what” is important and that there should be further face to face discussions with local people to ensure that the Forest gets the best services possible.

Caroline confirmed that the £11m is already there.

The Locality reference group is due to meet again shortly.

6. Chair’s report – attached

Albert gave a comprehensive report and update on the plans of the CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) in conjunction with the STP (Sustainable Transformation Partnership). The report listed the challenges faced in developing a model of Primary Care.

The admissions to community hospitals and the time spent in hospital were also shown and the implications for the new hospital were noted.

Albert will try to obtain up to date figures for bed occupancy and possibly have a speaker to talk about this at a Forum meeting.

Ambulance service now have new standards to meet which is aimed at reducing response times and providing the appropriate response.

Mr Thurston was interested in having the response times for the Forest compared to the County as a whole. It was felt that there is a need for more ambulances and staff.

7. **Treasurers Report** – Balance of £744.35

8. **Members Reports and Questions**

- Plan for new hospital – number of beds – customised design

Barbara has asked for clarification about the plans for the new hospital as there are many questions and concerns about its location, design and capacity. Many of these question remain unanswered for the time being as the next step is for the Citizen’s jury to meet and decide on the location. In April Citizens Juries CIC will invite applications from local residents to be on the jury. Albert stressed that the new hospital must give us enhanced services e.g. diagnostics and treatments.

Albert will set up a meeting with The Friends of Lydney Hospital and Dilke to discuss the most important issues about the new hospital and a meeting will also be sought with Mary Hutton, Andrew Seymour, Ingrid Barker and Paul Roberts to discuss the new hospital.

NOTE: there is a lot of information about the consultation process with Frequently Asked Questions on the website: **fodhealth.nhs.uk**

- Payment for treatment by overseas visitors – there is a robust system in place for collecting payment from overseas visitors and the amount owed is comparatively small.

9. Future meetings: Next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st May

10. AOB – nil

Chair’s Report to the Forest of Dean Health Forum April 3rd. 2018.

The STP has generated a proliferation of visions and schemes across primary and within acute care. Plans are afoot to align many of these within the 4 STP Solutions of Community Admission Prevention, ED Admission Prevention, Patient Flow and Find and Prevent.

A largely visionary compilation by CCG staff, on the future for patients and their health provision, was presented to the last Patient Participation Groups (PPG) meeting.

- The acute hospitals will become centres of excellence.
- There will be a network of Urgent Treatment Centres across the county’s community hospitals.
- These UTCs will be 24/7, GP or specialist led, designed to meet patient needs.
- Mental Health and Learning Disability issues will be encompassed.
- Urgent care will be provided as close to home as possible as services are provided in the ‘right place’.

111 will have close links to a Clinical Advice and Assessment Service (CAAS) to obtain the right advice and support.

Challenges to be identified and overcome.

Developing model of Primary Care.

- Less bureaucracy.
- Better use of technology.
- Provision of enough GPs to lead the developing service.
- New posts within practices, working across the STP, eg paramedics, physiotherapists, mental health.
- Improved and wider deployment of skills and expertise.
- Actions to prevent hospital admissions.
- Reduction in the number of appointments and consultations.
- There will be a community education provider network.

Admissions to community hospitals

	2014 -15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
	3456	2868	2462	2231
Direct	1030	663	557	513
Transfers	2426	2205	1905	1718
Length of stay (days)	16.5	21.2	25.4	26.7 (averages)
Beddays	57115	60726	62459	59656

77% of patients are transfers.

Patients are spending more time in community hospitals, WHY? What is the implication for the new Forest hospital?

The number of patients attending the acutes ED s continues to rise with a 12.7 increase reported for February. Some 38% to 40% are admitted. In 2016-17 3207 were admitted and in 2017-18 this became 4184.

Ambulance service developments.

- New national, standards now in operation.
- New response categories.
- Cat. 1 Fast response for life threatening incidents, 8%, with 9 out of 10 within 15 mins.
- Cat. 2 Emergency, 48%, 9 out of 10 within 18 mins.
- Cat. 3 Urgent 34% 9 out of 10 within 120 mins.
- Cat.4 Less Urgent 10% 9 out of 10 within 180 mins.

Response times are reported against a mean of 7 mins for cat.1, 18 mins cat. 2.

New clinical standards are in place from the Spring of 2018 to drive improved outcomes for heart attack and stroke patients. More efficient and effective triage protocols in place.

Albert Weager Chair FHF 030418