

Forest of Dean Health Forum
West Dean Centre, Bream
Tuesday 7th May 2019 – 7.00-9.00pm

Minutes

Present:

Albert Weager – Chair

Jim Spiers – Treasurer

Jackie Jenkins – GCS

Di Martin – Cinderford DC

Doug Battersby - public

Peggy Jordan – Public

Linda Vaughan – Secretary

Neil Moffat – GCS

Brian James – Friends LDH

Barbara Jenkins – Public

Mary Matthews – Bream Ladies

Hilary Bowen – 2G Governor

Welcome and Introductions.

Speakers:

Due to foreseen circumstances, Paul Roberts was not able to attend, for which he sent his apologies, but **Ingrid Barker**, Chair for Gloucestershire Care Services and 2gether NHS Trusts attended on Paul's behalf, and Ingrid was accompanied by **Candace Plouffe**, Chief Operating Officer for Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust.

You will see from the presentation that three topics were covered:

- Update on plans to merge Gloucestershire Care Services and 2gether NHS Trusts and provide joined-up mental health, physical health and learning disability services across Gloucestershire
- Planning for the new Community Hospital
- Complex Care at Home – a new service for the Forest of Dean

1. Update on merger plans

Ingrid began by explaining rationale behind merging 2Gether Trust and Gloucestershire Care Services. The Joint Intent is to provide Better Care Together. Both Trusts are doing well and the reasons for the merger are not financial. The aim is to improve things for the people concerned, making it better for the people in the two organisations and providing a more sustainable future. This will improve the physical health of our residents with mental health problems and learning disabilities and improve the mental health of our residents with physical problems including long term conditions. There will be an improved skill mix and it will benefit wider partners in the Integrated Care Service. The intention is to remove organisational barriers to change, and by integrating management and governance, drive transformation further and faster.

For example: people with physical and mental health problems together are more likely to go to hospital or the GP. By working together the needs of the person can be met earlier and the need to GP or hospital care will be reduced.

This is important because people with long term health conditions often experience mental health problems and people with mental health problems or learning disabilities are much more likely to die from an avoidable cause and have difficulty using health services.

The merger will provide the trusts with a bigger voice and will reinforce care at locality level, and address health inequalities and social injustice.

The plans for the merger began in September 2017 and the new organisation will be formed in October 2019 with continued service transformation from November onwards.

2. Community Hospitals

There are 5 suitable site options for the new hospital in Cinderford and the site chosen will be declared after the Full Business case has been approved.

The Services that will be provided will include inpatient beds, outpatient and ambulatory care services and provide urgent care and diagnostics. For GCS, service provision will not only be at the new hospital but if appropriate will also be provided in other parts of the locality.

The NHS Ten Year Plan engagement is underway and there will be further locality based engagement across the county. This is led by the commissioners and supported by the Trust.

The key dates are: **Thursday 2nd May 2019** – Outline Business Case received and approved by GCS Board. The Board will chose the site.

July/August 2019 – Service engagement for localities which will cover the new hospital.

Thursday 26th September 2019 – aim for the Full Business Case to be received and approved and the CCG Board to sign of their commissioning intentions.

Summer 2021 – Intended opening date of the new hospital (if approved).

The concerns and sense of loss of the people in and around Lydney were acknowledged.

It was stressed that it is important to keep patients in focus at all times.

2. Complex Care at Home

The service was launched in April 2019 and is delivered in partnership with GPs. They use a proactive enhanced community case management model with the aim of reducing hospital admissions and provide appropriate care and support to adults with multiple long-term conditions and or frailty who may also have complex social situations.

It is a planned proactive service not an urgent care model and works in partnership with Adult Social Care, The Forest of Dean District Council and the community and voluntary sector.

The intended outcomes are an improvement in people's health, well-being and self-management, reduction in hospital admissions and a reduction in the demand for GPs and care home placements.

The presentation will be sent out by email.

Apologies: Cheryl Haswell, Richard Crighton, Caroline Smith, Jim Rollinson, Lynn Sterry, Gillian Warden-Heggie, Ruth Wadley.

1. Matters Arising from minutes of March 2019 - nil

2. News Updates and correspondence

Cotswold Prostate Cancer Support Group are offering Free PSA blood tests at Dean Magna School for all men aged between 50 and 75 or those over 40 with a close relative who has had prostate cancer. Thursday 26th May 6pm to 8.30pm. Tel 07703 477391
email: contactcpcsg@hotmail.com

3. Chair's report

Albert had attended several meeting which are listed in the attached report.

4. Treasurers Report - £924.50

5. Members Reports and Questions

- DB noted that although Healthwatch say that the Health Service is to get £20bn, this is not until 2023.
- **Dementia Action Alliance are holding a series of Forums.**
- June 3rd –Frailty
- September 11th – Cancer and Dementia
- December 5th – Incontinence

For more information please contact Lena Maller 01594 812609 Lena.Maller@publicagroup.uk
Or Lauren Mackay 01242 634445 lauren.mackay9@nhs.uk

6. Future meetings:

It was suggested that we ask the organisation who have taken over from Carers Gloucestershire to come to our September meeting. We will also contact Adult Social Care to see if they would like to talk to us.

June – Healthwatch

July – Linda to ask Great Oaks, Maggies and Charlies if they would like to do a joint presentation on the services they provide.

7. AOB

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- Attended meeting of Forest ILP at Great Oaks, 0304.
- Main points:
- Complex care at home officially launched in Coleford.
- Staffing recruitment being finalised to include Dementia and Community matron, occp. Therapists, physios.
- Member of county public health team presented set of statistics on obesity across county and Forest specific ones.
- Forest leading the way!
- Adults and children need to change. How to achieve change? ILP focus.
- BEEZEE an analytical organisation will be carrying out a localised behavioural project in the Forest.
- Focus on healthy lifestyles.

Attended Newland Parish Council meeting 1604. Told the council about the Forum and received notice of a grant from it.

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