

Forest of Dean Health Forum
West Dean Centre, Bream
Tuesday 3rd November 2015 – 7.00-9.00pm
Minutes

Present :

Jan Baynham – Committee	Di Martin – Committee
Linda Vaughan – Secretary	Albert Weager –Chair
J Vaughan – public	Anne Rowlands – public
Emily Richards – public	Patrick Richards – public
T Morley – public	Dr Jackson – Governor GHNHST
Trish Baynham – Community Nurse	Chrissie Johnson – Governor GHNHST
Mary Thurston – Friend Lydney Hospital	Mary Matthews – Bream Ladies Group
Doug Battersby	Roger Sterry – Cinderford Town Council
Judy Berry – Great Oaks Hospice	Roger James – West Dean Parish Council
Jane Hamilton – Great Oaks Hospice	Margy Fowler – Glos Care Services
Tim Fretter – FVAF	Hilary Bowen - public

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dr Emma Husbands was introduced as the Palliative Care Consultant from Gloucester Royal Hospital who holds clinics at Great Oaks Hospice every two weeks.

Unfortunately the other two speakers from the Commissioning Group were unable to attend.

Miriam Street – Senior Commissioning Manager

Hannah Williams – End of Life Commissioner

2. Apologies

Peggy Jordan, Lynn Teague, Sue Henchley, Dr Helen Miller, Stephanie Bonser, Lena Maller, Ismail Farooq, Caroline Smith, Lynne Sterry, Terry Hale.

3. Speakers – End of Life Care

Dr Emma Husbands – Palliative Care Consultant

Dr Husbands gave a frank and informative talk on her role as Palliative Care Consultant and the role of the End of Life Care Team. This was supported by some slides giving statistics including the numbers of people who die in hospital, at home or in a Nursing Home. The End of life team includes a broad range of clinicians from nursing assistants to consultants who provide day and night care. The palliative care consultant is there to provide specialist advice about the management of the patient's treatment and drugs.

MacMillan nurses work alongside the End of Life Care Team have been largely involved in issues surrounding survivorship and living with cancer.

Marie Cure nurses also provide night care which is essential to carers who are looking after someone in the last days or weeks of life.

Palliative Care comes into play during approximately the predicted last 12 months of life. Dr Husbands explained that this is when important decisions can be made about the patient's choices or "Advanced Care Planning", such as where the patient would like to be treated. It is clear that these discussions are often difficult for families to approach but can make a huge difference to the well-being of the patient and the peace of mind of the family.

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One attendee explained that she had experienced great difficulty with the co-ordination of care, which had resulted in great distress for the patient and his family. This appeared to have been exacerbated by Cross-border issues. Dr Husbands was interested in having a case history to illustrate the urgent need to address this. In an ideal situation there would be a single point of access and shared information across all services.

The provision and payment for social care was briefly discussed as this was also an area of concern. Dr Husbands explained that under the continuing care provisions there should be no delay in accessing social care.

4. Matters Arising - Nil

5. News Updates and correspondence

The Chair's report:

Summary is attached and includes Albert's involvement in the Systems Resilience Group and the Cross Border meetings. Topics include:

Smart Care is being considered but no date yet for roll out.

Out of Hours are struggling to recruit.

Multidisciplinary Teams in community hospitals nearly complete.

Discharge issues are being addressed.

Cross border protocols continue to be developed.

Members are urged to respond to the public transport/bus routes information sessions in order to help preserve our bus service and our bus passes.

6. Treasurers Report- Balance £596.41 as at 31st October

7. Members Reports

Dr Jackson was able to confirm that there will be a cardiac and chest consultant in A&E until midnight every day with plans to extend this to 24 hrs in future, but this will not happen for a while.

8. Future Meetings

The Forum Committee had met to discuss a programme for 2016 and the following suggestions were made:

Colliers Court – update on services - February

Barnardos – Childrens' Centres – March

Open Forum - April

Independence Trust

9. AOB

- FVAF AGM on Friday 6th November at Cinderford Council Offices 1.30pm
- Carers AGM at Pittville Pump Room in Cheltenham on 17th November
- Tea & Talk/Drop in session at the Main Place, Coleford on 20th November
- Carers Rights Day event at Churchdown Community Centre, Gloucester on 27th November

December Meeting (with mince pies) will be on Tuesday 1st December for an Update from the Clinical Commissioning Group and Care Services.