



Shropshire & Mid Wales
Cancer Forum

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Notes from the meeting held 12th February 2013 at the Hamar Centre, 14.30-16.30

Present: Sian Hallewell (Chair), Eileen Lewis, Richard Davies, Alan Morrison, Colin Stegeman, David Rees, Geoff Searson, Ray Dowling, Greg Haywood (part of meeting), Roger Fallon, Linda Bentick, Rob Gough, David Whiting (notes)

Apologies: Delyth Roberts, Jonathon Guppy, Moray Hayman

01 Notes from the last meeting

Sian stated that there were some extra points she had added to the notes, (relating to information obtained from the My Cancer Treatment website) although the updated version had not been distributed before this meeting. Otherwise the notes were accepted as accurate.

02 Matters arising

a. Letter re Haematology – The Forum have received a response from the relevant lead at Birmingham advising "The JACIE cycle is four yearly but in principle Shrewsbury would be welcome to discuss rejoining as a satellite center at any time. AS I refer to above however there is quite a significant national debate at present about staffing ratios for transplant units which is as yet unresolved..

We have as you know always had a wonderful working relationship with Shrewsbury and Nigel's excellent haemato-oncology unit which we are keen to consolidate. There are a number of ways, not necessarily through satellite status, by which we might do this."

Action: Rob will get back in contact with Dr O'Connor about this issue

b. Confidentiality – on reflection, the group now feel confident that the notes should be distributed widely and that any personal or confidential items should be left out

Action: David Whiting to provide a copy of the Shropshire Patient Group policy and form for the group to assess

c. Nutrition/diet workshop – This was viewed as a great success, with around 25 people attending and positive feedback from the evaluations. The group would like to run this again and also consider further workshops, such as exercise. Greg thought that it would be good to extend invitations to local clinicians as well. Linda said that Catherine Poli who is working in the SaTH cancer value stream team is setting up monthly meeting for newly diagnosed patients at the Hamar Centre – there might be some scope to plan alongside her. Sian said that the nutritionalist that ran the session thought it went well, but that she may not be able to be released from her job for future sessions.

Action: Sian and Greg to investigate the setting up of an exercise workshop.

d. Rare cancer awareness & hospital management – David Whiting will report back on this at the next meeting.

Action: David

e. Ward 21 and 23 merger – these are the main oncology ward and cancer haematology ward at RSH. This has not yet happened but it is expected to go ahead soon. Rob has received a reply from Dr Awwad on this, Rob will respond asking for more details.

Action: Rob

f. Macmillan Quality Environment mark – Sian has written to Dr Srihari, the SaTH cancer value stream lead, to explain that any cancer area could apply for this. Dr Srihari was not sure whether it would appropriate to have this is the new cancer centre for instance, as it has been funded by and is badged as the Lingen Davies Centre, another charity.

g. Cancer services at SaTH – David Whiting will again report back at the next meeting.

Action David

h. My Cancer Treatment – David Rees raised the issue that SaTH had performed badly in the area of upper GI and asked what the group knew about this and what had been the response.

Action: David Whiting to find out further information regarding the upper GI performance and feedback to the forum. Depending on what this shows, the Forum may decide to take this issue further.

03 Treasurers report

Sian asked whether the group felt that the statement of liability re car insurance was needed and it was decided to adapt it and keep it on the claim forms. Alan reported the amounts in the current and business accounts.

Action Sian

04 Future Role of the Forum

The forum began the discussion by considering the role of the new strategic clinical network and how it would influence local services. It was decided to discount them at present as they were a new organisation and were not yet functioning. It was also very unclear as to what their role would be in the future.

The forum would like to link with the SaTH Patient Experience & Involvement Panel (PEIP) although Rob and Sian would be too busy to be a part of this, it was seen as useful if another forum member could join.

Action: Rob to forward information on the PEIP to Eileen and David R.

The forum could use the list of achievements from the past 2 years as the basis of a briefing that could be used to promote the forum to local clinicians and commissioners. David Whiting expressed the view that engaging with the CCG commissioners would be a viable alternative for the forum as a way of influencing local services, rather than with providers directly.

David Whiting was invited to express how the forum could help him in his role as commissioner for Shropshire CCG, as follows; The forum provides a very useful link for commissioners to current patients and carers. The forum has built up a lot of knowledge and expertise amongst its members. This means that they can make valuable contributions to discussions about local cancer service related issues and could also contribute positively to the local peer review process.

05 Objectives

The forum should seek funding to run workshops like the nutrition one every 2 months, considering exercise & fitness and benefits.

After some discussion on this topic it was agreed that all should come back to the next meeting with five objectives that they wish to have considered for the Forum to adopt in this year. It was also felt that we should spend the majority of the next meeting considering our objectives, the Agenda will be written accordingly.

Action: ALL

Action: Sian

06 Feedback from meetings

Sian and Rob reported they had met up with Healthwatch Shropshire and it is hoped to have closer working relationships with them in the future.

Sian and Rob have also met up with Moray Hayman the new Macmillan Cancer Information Officer based in the new Oncology Centre at RSH, it is hoped she will become an attendee at these meetings

07 Next Meeting: 12th March 2013 at 2:30pm, The Hamar Centre, Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, SY3 8XQ