



Shropshire & Mid Wales  
Cancer Forum

## Notes of Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**Attendance:** Sian, Colin, Clare, Irene, Roger Rob, Jean, Yula Morrison

**Apologies:** Sally Hodson, Jan, Pete, Sue,

**Radiographer video** – Louise and Bernedette from radiography came over to share with the group the breast DVD for patients. The group watched the DVD and overall found it to be very useful and informative for patients. There were some comments regarding ‘manual handling’ and how long before patients receive a return call if leaving a message. Next month we will see the prostate DVD.

**Statistics/ information for chemotherapy patients**– deferred as Angie not in attendance.

**Pre Treatment chemotherapy information session**- deferred

**Cancer Wellbeing event**- Sian visited the Shrewsbury Baptist Church and confirmed the room was large, light and suitable. However, further discussions raised the problem of a lack of car park, particularly for stand holders who would have to carry all their materials some distance. Claire volunteered to check out the other Baptist Church venue.

Sian raised the question of having sufficient members on the day, Irene has suggested a number of her members would probably be willing to help out. Irene will check this out.

Irene confirmed she is happy to arrange sandwich platters and cakes from Costco

Clare is going to check with Kim availability and possibility of being a speaker.

Sian will check with Angie, if dieticians are interested and available

Action Clare, Sian, Irene

**Lymphoedema** – patient update from Clare who has requested a referral back into the service via her GP. From GP appointment to lymphoedema appointment date is 44 days ( 6weeks and 2 days). This seems rather a long wait, especially as we were advised there is no waiting list. Post meeting note, Sian requested permission from Clare to update the commissioners with this information.

Action Sian

**Hospital food** – Roger who has recently had a hospital stay reported being pleasantly surprised with the food and quite satisfactory. (Roger has no specific dietary requirements) Jan who was not at the meeting, sent a message saying during her recent stay the kitchen was

undergoing a deep clean and there was only an emergency menu. It was not a good experience again.

**Stoma friendly toilets-** Sian advised she has been invited to a meeting at T&W CCG.

**Prostate cancer-** The group discussed the use of MRI scans as part of the pre diagnostic pathway. Roger confirmed that Prostate UK are now recommending an MRI scan prior to biopsy. The risks of biopsies were discussed. It was agreed that Roger would approach the urology consultants to invite them to a meeting to discuss.

**Digital Health-** Rob advised prostate patients are now being recruited via two GP practices, Stirchley in Telford and the Beeches in Shrewsbury. The expected number of breast patients signing up is lower than expected.

**National Cancer Patients Experience Survey** – Sian to resend the SaTH results document out. Members to view the document to see if there are any particular areas we want of raise.

Action Sian

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 HAMAR CENTRE, ROYAL SHREWSBURY HOSPITAL, SHREWSBURY**

**Post meeting note: Angie has sent an update by email, which has been shared by email and will be brought to the April meeting.**