



Shropshire & Mid Wales
Cancer Forum

Notes of Meeting 10th November 2015

Attendance: Sian, Rob, Julia McAdam, David Whiting, Colin, Roger, Vicky (Macmillan), Irene Constable (BOTS support group), Jessica Brindley (Macmillan information manager), Lorna (Benefits)

Apologies: Becky Willetts (Brain tumour group), Rachel Redgrave

As a patient with Cancer, did you know- 40 Posters were printed A3 size, trust now has these & seeking permission to put remainder up. It is not possible for it to go as an additional page to the oncology letter. Forum to look at converting to leaflet to go to every new cancer patient

Action: Sian to contact printers for price & convert to leaflet

Ask3 questions poster, no longer required

Telford Macmillan Information centre

Jessica updated the forum- there is now a steering group for the information centre. They have recruited 2 volunteers who will be working 3 days a week. Telford has had 30 'contact's since opening. There are information points going up in shrewsbury (5) & Telford (8) hospital. (These are information storage racks). More signposting signs are being requested as Telford has insufficient signage.

Follow up appointments, Breast & Prostate- Digital health Programme

Letter of support was agreed. Roger and Rob are both enthusiastic about the benefits this programme will bring to patients. A letter of support has been drafted to support the project.

Action: Sian to send letter to Rachel Redgrave

Treatment Summary record. These were discussed by the group and their value was agreed by all. Angie Cooper has confirmed the hospital is not currently producing this. Forum to write to commissioner and senior members of the cancer services at SaTH endorsing the Macmillan end of treatment summary and requesting this is provided to all cancer patients.

Action: Sian to send letter.

Lung Cancer Support Programme

Julia advised they were now on their 3rd cycle. The programme was going very well, staff felt they know their patients better, lots of peer to peer support was being witnessed and there have been increased referrals to the welfare team. A formal evaluation will be sent to ALL participants at the end of this current cycle. Jessica advised she would be happy to 'talk' about the forum during her presentation slot to help raise awareness of the forum and encourage new members.

Recruitment of new members- The forum has been invited to the Networking and Development day on 24th November, Sian is planning on attending. Irene is hoping to attend for BOTs. Sian will clarify if we are to take a formal 'stand'

Action: Members to attend if possible

Welfare Rights Service –Lorna attended and gave a brief update and Vicky was able to confirm that the service has been extended until June 2016

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Note: there was an informal pre meeting discussion regarding the information provided to Stoma patients. It was agreed to request sight of the information received by new stoma patients.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 12th January, 2:30, HAMAR CENTRE, ROYAL SHREWSBURY HOSPITAL, SHREWSBURY