



## Notes of Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**Attendance:** Sian, Colin, Becky Willetts (Brain tumour group), Vicky (Macmillan), Irene Constable (BOTS support group), Jessica Brindley (Macmillan information manager), Ranjit (Benefits) Jo Scott

**Apologies:** Rob, Julia McAdam, David Whiting, Roger,

**As a patient with Cancer, did you know-** 10 Posters were printed A5 size. Julia advised (via email) these have been very well received and requested an additional 30. These are now on order. Questions were asked about how the appointment letter looks and whether it may be that the colour backgrounds on the poster need removing for printing. It was agreed to ask for a sample of the letter

**Action:** Sian to request sample letter  
Sian to deliver extra posters when printed

**Ask3 questions poster,** agreed to confirm these are still required.

**Action:** Sian to liase with Rachel /Julia

### **Opening of Telford Macmillan Information centre**

Sian and Roger attended the official opening on 17<sup>th</sup> August, where we had a stand and saw the official cutting of the ribbon. We spoke to several people about our work including the chair of the Board. Our leaflets were seen in the centre.

Jessica Brindley, information centre manager was welcomed to the meeting and invited to update the group. She will spend two days at Telford and three at Shrewsbury. The Shrewsbury Macmillan centre is now based at the Hamar centre. At Telford two days a week the benefits service will be at the centre and one day Kim, Get Active, Feel Good advisor will be in attendance. Jessica is available by phone if needed.

Ranjit was welcomed to the forum, she is part of a team of 2.5 people providing a benefits advise service for SaTH patients. Ranjit advised they already they have a waiting list and are prioritising people whose incomes have stopped and palliative care cases. They help people to claim benefits, including checking they are receiving what they are entitled too and helping with appeals. The service is only funded until December. Vicky was able to advise that many benefit services are currently in this situation and some further funding is likely to be secured. Members of the forum were concerned about those most in need not knowing about the service & how it was promoted. It is currently mostly receiving referrals from CNS's. However, it was agreed to put this on hold until funding for the service is secured.

### **Follow up appointments, Breast & Prostate**

No one was at the meeting to update, Sian had received a positive email from Roger but had no details.

**Treatment Summary record.** These were discussed by the group and their value was agreed by all. Sian to contact Angie to see what hospital is currently producing.

**Action:Sian to contact Angie Cooper.**

### **Lung Cancer Support Programme**

Jessica & Ranjit advised this was now live, everyone giving a presentation had come together last week to run through the program. It would be evaluated after the first four weeks.

**Recruitment of new members-** Sian suggested running a listening event, Jo advised that there were already plans in place to run a networking group for support groups to which we could have a stand and talk about the forum. Becky invited us to have a stand at her event on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September (unfortunately unable to attend that day). Jo also advised that the Jayne Sergeant foundation also has a new support group running in Telford for all cancer patients and carers and they were looking for speakers.

**Action:Sian to contact the Jayne Sergeant foundation**

### **AOB**

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 13th September, 2:30, HAMAR CENTRE, ROYAL SHREWSBURY HOSPITAL, SHREWSBURY**