

Shropshire and mid Wales Cancer Forum

Notes from the meeting held 10th September, 2013

Present: Sian, Roger, Kim Davies, Eileen A, Ian, Eileen L, Rachel Redgrave, Colin, Kerry Malpas (part of meeting), David Whiting (notes)

Apologies: Rob, Ray, David R, Jackie Spencer, Victoria Mayer

SaTH update – either Kerry (Centre Manager for Surgery, Oncology & Haematology) or Rachel (incoming Operations Manager for Oncology & Haematology) will attend the forum meetings on behalf of SaTH. They asked for clarification of what the forum would like from them whenever possible, the response was that in general it was information about ongoing and forthcoming work in the hospital. It was also noted that Ian and Eileen A attended the PEIP.

Ian has volunteered to take the forum notes from the October meeting.

Promoting the forum – Sian has had a meeting to introduce the forum with Shropshire Councillor Karen Calder who will attend the November forum meeting. Sian took the opportunity to ask about a possible HOSC follow up to the gynaecology services review a couple of years ago. Sian also has the name of a Telford and Wrekin equivalent and has made contact.

The forum is hosting the Macmillan 'Making a Difference' workshop on 17th October. Sian will contact as many local groups as possible to flag this up. Eileen will contact the chronicle & Star, Ian the carers groups, Roger the prostate group. The forum were in agreement of the proposed suggestions of getting prepared platters for lunch.

Survivorship – the health and wellbeing events will now be held on Wednesday 6th November (Importance of exercise, nutrition & bone health, led by Kim Davies), Wednesday 20th November (Relationships, body image & psychological health, led by Marilyn Owens) and Wednesday 4th December (Financial planning, employment & benefits issues, led by Moray Hayman). The original October date was changed as it was too close and did not leave sufficient planning time. The events will all be held at the Shrewsbury Town football club ground. A bid has gone into Macmillan to fund this and a number of future events, which if successful will be held in different locations around Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin.

Information for patients after treatment – Colin and others stated the value of drug charts and asked Kerry and Rachel to find out how prevalent their use was for patients on discharge. The usefulness and timeliness of the discharge summary and cancer information generally was also discussed.

Forum AGM – this will be held at the January 8th, 2014 forum meeting.

NSSG travel expenses – the forum agreed that it would pick up these costs in the short term, in the expectation that the West Midlands strategic clinical network would take over paying these.

End of life care – Ian went through the US websites list and found that some were useful but many were US specific. He recommended the 'Compassion in Dying' website (www.compassionindying.org.uk). Other useful UK sites are; Dying Matters (<http://dyingmatters.org>) and NHS Choices (www.nhs.uk).

Meeting with Prostate Cancer UK – Sian and Roger met with Louise Jackson from PCUK and are waiting to hear back regarding support that they could give the forum locally. Roger is going to a Birmingham based survivorship event.

Get Active Feel Good project – Kim Davies has now been in post for 2 months and has received 18 new referrals in that time.