

THE VALE MONITORING GROUP
MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2011, 9.30AM
VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH
DRAFT MINUTE

Present:

Bill Brackenridge, Chairman
Anne Hawkins, NHSGGC
Jane Grant, NHSGGC
Vivien Dance, Argyll & Bute Council
Keith Redpath, West Dunbartonshire CHCP
Gordon Robertson, NHSGGC
Wendy Quinn, Scottish Ambulance Service

In Attendance:

Logan Taylor, Independent Media Adviser
Lorna Fitzpatrick, Minute

Action

- 1. Chairman's Welcome**
The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.
- 2. Apologies**
Apologies were intimated on behalf of Michael Hall, Garry Fraser, Ally McLaws, Derek Leslie and Kevin Fellows.
- 3. Minute of September 2011 Meeting**
The Minute was accepted as an accurate record.
- 4. Matters Arising**
Laboratory Services.
The working group has finished its work and has produced an options paper which is not yet in the public domain. The paper will be available in the next couple of weeks. Jane Grant will provide an update to members once the paper is finalised.

Item 7 – Vivien Dance did write separately to the Board.

5. Feedback from Membership

Members reported that papers from the Monitoring Group continue to be routinely submitted to committees and senior management team meetings for consideration and information.

6. Acute Services Update

Jane Grant introduced the acute services update paper which is available on the monitoring group website.

There is an almost static position re new outpatient activity and a small increase in day case activity. The figure against inpatient activity is slightly misleading and the figures will be reworked to reflect the requirements described in the Vision for the Vale.

With gynaecology, quite a lot of procedures are now being carried out as outpatients so there has been a swing from day cases to outpatient.

Vivien Dance asked about geriatric medicine and commented that there appears to be a consistent downturn in numbers. This is reflective of changing practice which treats more in the community and concentrates on avoiding unnecessary admissions.

Orthopaedic clinics in Helensburgh and Dumbarton health Centre and the DHC clinic has been moved into the Vale of Leven Hospital which provides better accommodation.

Audiology – there is a proposal to move this service to the Vale of Leven as there is funding to buy audiology booths which could be installed at the Vale.

The Chairman indicated that he believed that the Vision for the Vale in terms of acute medicine has been delivered; no-one disagreed with him

7. Mental Health Services Update

Anne Hawkins introduced the mental health services update paper which is available on the monitoring group website.

The NHS Board considered the paper in October and agreed with the recommendations contained therein. Since then, the Cabinet Secretary for Health and

Wellbeing met with former members of the monitoring group. Following the meeting, she asked for further clarification re the required number of beds and the levels of boarding. Anne Hawkins will provide her with this information and agreed to share that with members of the Monitoring Group. The Cabinet Secretary is unlikely to make her final decision before this information is made available to her.

Lengths of stay: paper should read "have reduced from 31 days to 29 days".

8. Communication Plan Update

Gordon Robertson introduced the communications plan update which is available on the monitoring group website.

9. Alexandria Health and Care Centre Update

Keith Redpath provided a verbal update to members. Highlights are:

The Board Quality and Performance Committee approved the Full Business Case and it will be submitted to the Scottish Government's Capital Investment Group in December. Currently, the project is on target to be on site by the end of March 2012.

10. Ambulance Service and Transport update

Performance remains consistent with targets currently being met.

11. Any Other Competent Business

There was no other competent business.

12. Date of Next Meeting

9.30am 30 January 2012 Ground Floor Meeting Room, Garshake