

**PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP FORUM MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, DUMBARTON
WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2011**

Draft Minute

Present:

Anne MacDougall (Chair)	Barbara Barnes	Emily Welsh
Lorraine McKenzie	David Elliott (WDCHCP)	Anne Ferguson
Margaret Walker (WDCHCP)	Rhona Young	Daphne MacKay
Anne Smith	Hugh Bright	May McHugh
Selina Ross (WDCVS)	Theresa Docherty	Gerry Neal (WDC)
Heather Irving (WDCHCP)	Jackie Maceira	

Welcome and Apologies

A warm welcome was extended by the Chair, Anne MacDougall. Apologies were recorded from George Murphy, Lily Kennedy, Muriel Robertson and Soumen Sengupta.

Presentation – Christie Ward (David Elliott)

David Elliott briefly informed the meeting of the recent NHSGGC approval for the closure of the Christie Ward pending Cabinet Secretary approval. The meeting noted the investment which had been made in community mental health services and the subsequent increase in local staff provision. A brief question and answer session confirmed the 12 bed allocation for West Dunbartonshire at Gartnavel Royal Hospital and noted ongoing concerns regarding transport issues. Thanks were extended to David Elliott.

Minutes of Last Meeting

These were agreed as a true reflection of the meeting of 31st August 2011.

Presentation – Child Protection (Gerry Neal)

Gerry Neal gave an overview of Child Protection operations in West Dunbartonshire and informed the meeting of the details of the forthcoming Care Inspectorate inspection.

26 children and families will be involved in the process, with 22 having given their agreement to participate in inspector interviews. The process is in the form of a

triangulation review involving desk research of case files, focus groups with differing staff/professional groupings and discussions with families and children affected. A question and answer session raised issues around reporting of concerns by teachers, issues surrounding young carers and how reports of suspected abuse are taken forward.

Thanks were extended to Gerry Neal and Heather Irving.

Review of Inpatient Paediatrics at RAH

Dan Harley (NHSGGC Community Engagement) provided an up-date on the ongoing review of services at Ward 15 of RAH. 10-11% of admissions per year are from the West Dunbartonshire area. In line with Scottish Government guidance, NHSGGC are currently engaged in pre-consultation activity considering issues around ward use, need and potential future options for provision given the opening of the Children's Hospital at the Southern General site in 2015. This will be completed before consideration of any viable options and public consultation is undertaken. Thanks were extended to Dan Harley and the meeting asked to be kept up to date with progress of the review. It was also agreed that Niall McGrogan would attend a future PPF meeting to consider the travel and transport issues raised by the group, given the re-location of services to Stobhill and the Southern General site.

It's Your Practice Guidance

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

Alexandria Health and Care Centre

Margaret Walker updated the meeting noting that the Full Business Case was nearing completion and would be submitted imminently as planned.

Committee Reports

Vale Monitoring Group

Anne Ferguson updated the meeting and circulated a statement from the lay members of the group explaining their recent withdrawal from the process. It was noted that whilst the lay members could individually resign their position, the PPF had not taken a decision to withdraw from the process. It was agreed that the PPF would consider the matter further after the lay members meeting with the Cabinet Secretary on the November 9th. Anne MacDougall additionally expressed concern that she had not received a briefing on the matter from the CHCP.

CHCP Committee Report

Anne MacDougall, having circulated the agenda for the September meeting, gave a brief report noting that no particular items of concern had been raised. Barbara Barnes asked for and received clarification that item 9 had not considered outsourcing of day care, respite and residential services.

Communications and Engagement Group

Margaret Walker updated the meeting noting that the group would meet again in 2 weeks time.

NHSGGC Annual Review

Anne MacDougall updated the meeting on the recent annual board review meeting noting the principal issues as feedback on heat targets, alcohol misuse concerns and the transition of young adults from children to adult services. It was noted that, although falls in hospital acquired infection had been recorded, this positive report on Vale of Leven Hospital had not been publicised. Margaret Walker agreed to look at how this could be better promoted locally.

WDC Community Participation Committee

The planned presentation was deferred due to an administrative oversight.

AOCB

Hugh Bright raised a concern regarding the performance of a local pharmacist. Margaret Walker agreed to liaise with Head of Pharmacy to consider the issues raised.

Lorraine MacKenzie informed the meeting of the launch of the Life Changes Trust.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair.