

Leeds Hospital Alert

Minutes Tuesday 15 May 2018

Present: M, S, H, J. G,
J, C, B.

Apologies: B, J, A

Report: No reply to report concerning Home Care from Cath Roth and Shona McFarlane. Decided the report should now be sent to Judith Blake, Council Leader. Also, a request for a meeting with her. The problems at Allied Healthcare raise further concerns for Homecare in Leeds. Should we contact the Unions and Health Campaigns Together?

NHS July 5th: stall booked with White Rose Centre 10am – 5pm; third party insurance bought from Leisure Insure; will ask Sainsbury's if they will donate a birthday cake. Agreed to print the bookmarks instead of a postcard. A's design we will have printed as an A4 poster to distribute around the shops. A has also designed a big birthday card for people to attach post it notes. A BIG thank you to A for all his work and support.

Help is in place but all help on the day will be appreciated

KONP will be outside the LGI on the morning of July 5th. later in the day outside Jimmy's. Details of the gathering outside of York Minster July 5th to be confirmed.

June30th the big celebration in London. Unite probably organising a coach to London. Maureen has a piece in the next North Leeds Life celebrating the NHS

LGI an Exhibition celebrating 150th birthday of the LGI. John a key figure organising it with Sylvia Craven and the Civic Trust. Entrance will be via George Street. Details on the website. Also, it is hoped the film made for Kirkstall Museum will be on the big screen in Millennium Square.

Accountable Care Organisations: need to increase staff awareness. The Unions are definitely moving too slowly but the 5 Leeds Labour MPS have written to Julian Hartley and highlighted their concerns on Public Media. The Leeds decision has now been deferred with a promise to engage and consult with staff. It is thought that UNITE might ballot for strike action. Approx. 2,300 staff are involved

Social Care Charges: Rachel Reeves and Fabian Hamilton have both met with Mary and Sylvia. Both were given the report prepared by Sylvia. No progress yet about concerns that debt collectors and bailiffs are being used against those who fall into arrears. Need now to contact Judith Blake and the new councillors.

Leeds York Partnership Trust decision to close Malham House causing great concern. Need to investigate further. All mental Health Services in a critical state and none more so than Children's Services. The increase in child suicides is alarming.

Referral Management Centres: changes to repeat prescriptions. Jeremy has written an excellent letter to send to Phil Corrigan. Patients need to learn the dangers of using an on-line doctor. They need to understand that they can then be deregistered from their surgery.

This lack of knowledge is causing problems for staff in the surgeries. Beware the push from NHS England for referrals on-line. GPs not happy with this.

Jeremy also sending a letter to Stuart Andrew MP concerning the Home Office refusal to allow staff from abroad coming to work in England. Apparently, they don't know of the acute staffing shortage in the NHS!! They say no one has been refused entry. See Doctors for the NHS website

Disappointing news that the Judge has ruled against the **Judicial Review** but an appeal is being considered. If there is a need to fund raise it was agreed we would donate £50. The Allyson Pollock Judicial Review is scheduled for the 23 +24th June in London. Agreed we should send £50 to Health Campaigns Together.

Next meeting Monday June 18