

Leeds Hospital Alert  
Tuesday February 12  
7.30 at Muir Court

**Present:** JL, MI, BH, JP, GP

JPM, Beatrice Rogers, JP

**Apologies:** CH, JM

We have received a fun thank you card from Nicola.

Bronwen received a reply from Simon Stevens in response to the letter expressing our concerns concerning further privatisation of the NHS and expressing our support for changes to the Lansley Act.

Alex Sobel asked at PM Question Time about the supply of insulin post Brexit. It is all in hand he was told but we must keep a sharp eye on what happens next.

Concerns about the lack of staff in the NHS causing real problems in all services.

Must keep track of NHS England's demand for increased use of electronic consultations and services. We especially need to know what happens for those who do not have internet access. Many GPs unhappy about recent developments. They could be dangerous.

**Social Care Report:** Bronwen, Sylvia, Jeremy, Gilda attended the Social Care meeting at the Central Library. Time was spent looking at the Preston Model, the Foundation Economy Unit at Manchester University, the Sheffield Civic Society model. All concerned about the cost of outsourcing, its effect on budgets and on patient services. Good contact was made with Charles Dannreuther at Leeds University. He would like to know more about LHA. Sylvia to contact him. We need to know how to move the Council on from their current entrenched position. Ought we to contact the Centre for Disability Studies at the University? There will probably be a Northern Conference as follow up to the Birmingham Conference. Gilda will keep us up to date.

**Community Mental Health Services.** Sylvia gave a brief report. The Service is returning to working in teams with the aim of keeping patients out of hospital and in their own homes. All day units have been closed including Malham House. Intensive home care treatments go live March 25. There will be a transition period with re-design of homecare teams. There will be an on line questionnaire for service users but not for their carers. Further report at our next meeting.

Leeds CCG would like your views on the proposal for urgent treatment centres in Leeds. Closing date for feedback 15 April 2019. Contact the CCG on 011 3 843 5470 on [leedsccg.comms@nhs.net](mailto:leedsccg.comms@nhs.net)

**KONP:** Urgent Care- 111 Service- to be provided by Yorkshire Ambulance Service. New targets from April. Could be put through straight to a GP.

Vascular services. Lack of trained staff means either Huddersfield or Bradford will lose their department. Leeds working to full capacity.

Combating loneliness. Aim to rekindle community spirit. See the e-mail forwarded from John. Jan's cautionary tale about the threat to her tai chi class not very encouraging. To discuss at the next Yorkshire meeting the possibility of a Northern Conference probably in June.

There will be a workshop at SUMMAT March 9 in Notre Dame Sixth Form College

NHS March 30<sup>th</sup> March. Please help with distributing postcards as widely as possible. Cards available from Gilda.

Next meeting Tuesday March 12 Muir Court 7.30

**April 9 come to say thank you to Phil Corrigan before she retires in July. Would be good to have as many members as possible at this meeting.**