

MINUTES OF PATIENT PARTICIPATION STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD 4/7/2016

Present: Dr Nicky Mounsey (GP Partner)
Allison Maclean
Stephanie Hopkinson
Nicola Lunt
Milly Womack
Rita Taylor

Apologies: Sarah-Jane O'Brien
Carole O'Hara
Janet Hallam
Nicola Toner

Nicky gave the group an overview of recent events and our current position. The CCG are now engaging with us and this engagement is ongoing. Basically there are cash-flow limitations, we need money to come from NHS England and of course we still have the problem of our "weighting" as regards capitation.

The money will be taken over a three year period and will equate to the following.

Year	Take from our budget	Loss	Will give us back	Net loss
1	168,000	25%	100,000	68,000
2	250,000	50%	150,000	100,000
3	330,000	75%	200,000	130,000

They have agreed to prop us up this year with £100,000 but we still have to lose the £68,000. This will help us to not lose services but what about next few years. We want to know so we can plan for the future. So they will do something similar each year. Of course we need guarantees to be in place so that we can plan for the future and the money has to follow through too. It is good news that the CCG are talking to us but we need funding to come from the NHS England. Because of this they are taking the minimum that they need from us.

There has been a national review of Atypical Practices and it has been identified that the Cahill Formula should not be applied to the AP however it is still there as a "guidance". This is expected from September of this year. We are pushing for new legislation that will supersede any previous agreements and will include stipulations that state what the minimum losses are.

The CCG also want us to open our list to the general public rather than University students and staff only practice. This is something we are currently trying to avoid as the practice is tailored to the University students. We have no close links with the district nurses for instance and we only have a few aged patients. We did try to calculate how many patients we would need to have extra to our current list size of 12,500 in order to pay for the services required for these patients and we decided it would need to be 10's of thousands of extra patients. This is because we would need to dilute the current list of mainly 18-24 year olds.

We are also in talks with the LMC (Local Medical Committee) and they are keen to keep us as an AP. Our area is larger than any other practice (usually 3 miles in any direction) because our students are

spread out far and wide. We would potentially be taking patients from other practices. The worry is that we would inherit all the patients of any smaller practices that may close in the area.

Two partners and the Practice Manager (Dr N L Mounsey, Dr S Rasakumaran and Janet Hallam) went to Westminster, London along with Barry Sheerman (MP) to meet with The Right Honourable Alistair Burt (Minister of State for Community and Social Care) to talk about the AP. Unfortunately because of train cancellations they arrived at the meeting rather late and flustered so were therefore very rushed to give their information after having raced through London on various forms of transport. They were surprised to see that the local CCG and NHS England were represented at the meeting via telephone conference. They gave them an overview of the kind of services that we provide to young people such as Sexual Health and Mental Health, the fact that we need the money stream guarantees to come from NHSE and left an information booklet with them that we had prepared for the meeting. The Minister tasked Barry Sheerman (MP) with asking some questions at Prime Minister's question time in parliament. They did mention that NHSE had not engaged with us at all, our emails had been bounced back to us and they did not take our telephone calls. The Minister said that this was not the first time he had heard this and he would be taking this on now as an official complaint.

It is now a balance for our campaign because the CCG are now talking to us and negotiations are taking place. They did not like our campaign at all and took particular issue with the Lego model that one of our PRG members (KG) made for us. We told them that this was how a PRG member was interpreting the issues we were fighting at the time. We are happy to pull back now and see how the talks progress and whether the money stream materialises. Our current concern is opening the list to the general public, getting the money stream to follow CCG promises and getting a 3 year plan guarantee.

Steph volunteered to help out at "Fresher's Week". Allison said that we could call our volunteers "Healthcare Practice Champions" or similar.

Steph suggested another open meeting to feedback to members and patients. This might be difficult to organise in the short term with it being the holiday time. We are due to have an ordinary PRG meeting though as we do have other agenda items to discuss. We will try to fit a meeting in the next term avoiding "Fresher's Week". This will be a full PRG meeting.