

Minutes of BCSG Meeting held on 20 April at the Community Centre, Bishop's Castle.

1. Attendees : P. Morrison, S. Payne, N. Hutchins, J. Dumbell, J. Hall, J. Rice, V Corfield.
A warm welcome was extended to new member Sarah Wood.
Apologies: K. Johnson.
2. Minutes of last meeting were already agreed and displayed.
3. Matters arising: 6.1 Out of hours service to be retained by Shropdoc until 2018 at least. The government has accepted Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin as an area for the purposes of the new Strategic Transformation Plan which is a new initiative from NHS England to ensure that five-year plans, involving all health agencies are developed and approved .in an attempt to end the established practice of each agency preparing their own 2-year plans in isolation. 8.2 KJ not present to report back. 9.1 Survey results are here today.
4. No doctors' report as the practice had a training day.
5. AGM. 5.1 Will be held in the autumn when hopefully there will be more to report on with regards to the future of health services in Shropshire and more particularly, extra services at Bishop's Castle Community Hospital.
5.2 A summer newsletter will inform patients of our activities.
6. Update on NHS Changes.
6.1 The Health Forum meeting organised by P. Dunne in BC in April (and attended for BCPG by Jan Arriens) had no representatives from the CCG or SATH;
6.2 it was pointed out at that meeting that services in Shropshire were in disarray.
6.3 a question was raised about extra services for the Community Hospital;
6.4 The TG have drafted a statement for Mel Duffy (Director of Strategy Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust), and invited her to come to talk to us in BC about improved Community Hospital services; NH has also sent to Mel Duffy a list of possible services to be introduced at the hospital and discussed with the GPs (see 6.6 below);
6.5 It was suggested that we ask Sylvia Jones to a SG meeting;
6.6 We need to push the Task Group's prepared list of possible services for our local hospital to carry out.
6.7 the NHS Tracker is now on the website and needs updating every 3 months.
7. Community Services Task Group : nothing new to report.
8. Communications Task Group.
8.1 the survey results show many interesting outcomes: full results and action plan to be published as time allows.
8.2 NH to produce an action plan.
9. Locality Group update: SP presented a report on the most recent SW Locality Group meeting. It has been agreed that BCPG will no longer attend the SW Locality Group meeting as it has become a forum for mainstream issues, rather than for the sharing of good practice.

10. Shropshire Patient Group update: A new structure for SPG is being presented by the Coordination Team. To be discussed at next SPG meeting.

11. Guest Speaker : David Evans, Joint Accountable Officer for Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin CCG.

11.1 Shropshire CCG is 'under directions' from NHS England who are concerned with the management team and with the increasing overspend accumulated by the CCG.

11.2 There is need for a recovery plan for 2016 as a result of a significantly worsening financial situation. The size of the deficit was increasing yearly.

11.3 The plan will include efficiency savings, savings made from joint procurement, a transformation plan from FF, and making cuts in services.

11.4 SATH have developed a strategic outline case which centralises Urgent and Critical care split over 2 sites. There is also a desire for more care to take place closer to home.

11.5 BC is keen to have an Urgent Care Centre based at the Community Hospital. We need some support to achieve this. D. Evans will contact M. Duffy to push our case.

12. AOB: NH may be moving away. We need to consider the post of future Chairperson but meanwhile it was agreed that NH could carry on until alternative arrangements are put in place.

Next Meeting: 15th June, 14:00 at Community Centre.