

# **EASTLEIGH PATIENTS FORUM**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

## **1, Apologies**

Barbara Gerrish. Margaret Ridgers. Rosemary Henderson. Michelle Coleman.

## **2. Attendees**

Y Skelton. M. Bartlett. I Busby. K. Reis. A. Pinnington. V Billings. C. Nightall

## **Forum**

Chairman	Bill Fanning
Vice Chairman	Pauline Byerley
Secretary	Sheila Kimmins
Treasurer	Mike Kimmins

## **Surgery**

Dr Debbie Beale  
Debbie Riddiford Practice Manager  
Sister Liz Pickett

## **3. Minutes of the last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2007 were accepted as a true record.

## **Action Points**

Doctors do invite patients to join the forum – Dr Beale and Debbie Riddiford informed the forum that, where appropriate, the surgery was reminding patients of the forum and suggesting that they may like to take part.

Closure of the Minor Injuries Unit - the Chairman informed the Forum that the matter had been taken up with the PCT. A letter from the PCT was expected.

## **4. Practice Based Commissioning**

Dr Beale explained to the forum that the Practice was now part of a purchasing consortium formed from all the towns in West Wiltshire, Yatton Kennet and Devizes (WYKED). The WYKED consortium was one of the largest in Wiltshire. The purpose of this consortium is to purchase all the health needs for the whole of the specified area.

While the constraints due to a PCT overspend are in place there are restrictions upon purchasing. A Board made up from a representative of all the practices was formed last September and a contract was signed by all members. Dr Beale is not only our representative on the Board but is also on the Executive Board.

The Practices that form the consortium must look at what is best value not only for the patients and the area but where and from whom they may be purchased. A saving has to be shown.

Although what one practice may wish to have may not be what another practice may want a working relationship has to be established. This is happening, which can only be of long term benefit for the Patients and the Surgery.

A question from the floor was raised with regard to what will happen to the nurses if the minor injuries unit is closed. It was explained that where some staff have left they have not been replaced and others are on short term contracts.

## **5. Hospital Plan – Services Plan**

The Chairman informed the forum that the Steering Group were working towards the Surgery moving to the hospital site in 2009 with the retention of as many of the services as possible. The Steering Group is having regular meetings with the PCT and a Project manager has been appointed.

**Minutes of the Steering Group meetings are available on request,**

Dr Beale explained that options were being explored regarding the surgery move. One plan was the purchase of the “paddock” with a view to building a new surgery complex giving a larger working area for the practice.

The second plan is the joint purchase of the hospital site with other interested parties. One possibility would be that perhaps Abbyfield would have a part of the site incorporating bed(s) that the surgery could rent for respite/convalescence.

Another part of this plan could be that other private organisations would hold day surgery on the site from which the surgery could purchase services. For example – cataract operations.

## **6. Saturday opening**

Debbie Riddiford told the forum that a private “Holiday Clinic” was to be held at the surgery on a Saturday, to allow patients and others, who need to purchase holiday vaccinations to do so without their having to go to Bristol or Bath as happens at present. It is hoped that it will be operative during the course of the summer and it will be well publicised.

## **6. Any Other Business**

The Chairman informed the forum that Pauline Byerley had resigned as vice Chairman. Pauline will continue helping in as many ways as possible. The Chairman on behalf of the Forum thanked Pauline for all that she had done on the forums behalf.

The proposal was made that Mr Ken Reis would become Vice Chairman of the Forum and this was seconded.

## **7. Date of the Next Meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> August 2007 at Eastleigh surgery 7pm