



**249<sup>th</sup> Meeting , on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016, at Mount Vernon Hospital.**

**1.WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**a. Welcome :** The Chairman welcomed all present, particularly our guest speakers, Shane DeGaris, CEO The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS FT and Steven Posey Deputy CEO East & North Herts Hospitals NHS Trust.

**b. Apologies :** Valery Rees, (League of Jewish Women Northwood), Valerie Mellor (Northwood RA), Connie Evans (Oak Farm RA ), Paul Espley and Francesca Stevens (Uxbridge and South Ruislip Labour Party), Mary Butcher, Gillian Gerrard, Neville Hughes, Barbara Porket , Jon and Nannette Spain (Ind. Members)

**c. Announcements :** Donald asked members who did not wish to appear on his video of the speakers' addresses to move to the corner that would not be filmed.

**2. GUEST SPEAKERS : Steven Posey :**

An investment of over £30 million has been spent in the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre, to cover the cost of the increasing number of patients attending the Centre, the expensive drugs and new regimes :

- Chemotherapy patients - 15,000 per year, a rise of 3% from the previous year
- Radiotherapy patients – 35,000 per year, a rise of 6,000 from the previous year
- Outpatient attendances rose to 65,000, a rise of 3% from the previous year
- More multidisciplinary teams are now needed to care for the patients.
- There is a new nuclear injection room.
- Improvements have been made to the outpatient department.
- The Centre has been awarded the National Quality Assurance.
- 500 staff are employed - annual budget £60 million: aiming to save £2 million in year ahead.
- 300 volunteers are important to the running of the Centre, with another 30 being recruited,
- Local support in fund raising events is important e.g. “House of Lords Dinner” and a “Secret Art Sale” raised money for patient facilities, and complementary therapies for patients and staff.
- The Centre is active in Research and Development – 80 studies with patients / 121 ongoing trials.
- Improvements in Chemotherapy waiting times and electronic booking are being discussed.
- Striving for National Quality Assurance for the wards.
- Co-operation between The Royal Marsden and The Lister hospitals is important.
- Hoping to reinvest a proportion of the land sale income for improvements in MVCC.

**Shane de Garis :**

**a)** The Trust has two sites – Mount Vernon Hospital in the north of the Borough and Hillingdon Hospital in the South. They serve 27,000 patients from the Borough and 80-100,000 patients from surrounding areas.

**b)** More than 20 organisations run services at Mount Vernon Hospital, with the key provider relationship being Mt Vernon Cancer Centre with East & North Herts Hospital Trust, which is totally committed to future development of clinical services on the site working with others to benefit the local community, including The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS FT as landlord for the site; there has been a significant investment in expanding services in recent years.

**c)** THH Board is committed to support E&NH to realise its Cancer Centre ambitions, and good progress has been made working in close collaboration over several years. The Trust appointed legal advisors and negotiations are still underway to bring about a successful conclusion.

**d)** The Trust master plan to extend areas around the Mt Vernon sites must be submitted to the planning authority before any developments are considered. A twin master plan has been developed - phase 1 to be completed by end March 2016 - phase 2 by end Nov 2016, aiming for an outline business case June 2017 and full business case by Dec 2017. This will take account of NW London's “Shaping a Healthier Future” programme. Hillingdon Hospital will be a “major acute hospital” with a bigger A&E. Mount Vernon Hospital will continue to provide elective surgery/rehabilitation, outpatient based.

- Hillingdon Clinical Commissioning Group is planning a “hub” at MVH for outpatients.
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e) Other Mount Vernon activities.

- Edmunds Ward, a former support for Northwick Park Hospital has been decommissioned.
- Daniels Ward, for rehabilitation, is working smoothly with 16 patients, in partnership with Imperial College Hospital and with services to Charing Cross Hospital, which will expand further in September.
- Minor Injuries Unit has an average of 2,200 visits per month, 60% of which are from out-of-area patients. Staffed by Emergency Nurse Practitioners it meets the 4 hour waiting target by 99.9%.
- The Hillingdon Hospital Trust’s Dermatology service is proposing to expand its services and a study is being carried out to relocate the service to a new site, with Mount Vernon as an option. The outcome of the study will be presented to the Trust Board in March.

The THHFT Board is committed to investment on the Mount Vernon site and discussions are ongoing with E&NH to ensure MV Cancer Centre can realise its ambitions. The Trust will continue dialogue and engagement with all its stakeholders and the public as plans progress.

Members’ questions were mostly concerning the provision of services on the site, the future of the listed building, the use of empty land and buildings on the site, the sale of the land, when is it likely to change, the continuing provision of the Hospice and parking problems. All present were assured that both trusts were jointly committed to solve these worries, but the legal issues need to be addressed first.

The speakers were thanked by the Chairman for their interesting and informative addresses, which was endorsed by applause from the audience.

**Part II**

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting :** The minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015 were agreed and signed as correct.

**4. Matters arising :** There were no matters arising.

**5. Urgent Business :**

**a) Jon Spain, Treasurer:** Had informed the Chairman that as the Community Voice finances are healthy, there is no need to increase the subscription fees for the year 2016/2017 - £10 individual, £14 joint, £22 organisation. This will be put to the vote by members at the next meeting in March.

**b) Northwood & Pinner Hospital site petition –** 3088 signatures had been collected. A meeting is planned with Nick Hurd, Sylvie Pierce, Health Centre GPs, Tony Ellis, Andrew Riley and Joan Davis to discuss options.

**c) Our meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016.** Mental health discussion was led by Joan Penrose (Harrow Rethink Support Group), and Christopher Geake (Hillingdon Mind ); Mervyn Stone reported on NHS Funding issues.

**6. Open Forum :**

- **CCG meetings :** Tony Ellis queried if Hillingdon CCG was committed to the “hub” at Mount Vernon Hospital. Herbert Levinger, lay member of Harrow Healthwatch, commented that restrictions on the lay public asking questions at the Hillingdon CCG meetings stopped him from attending.
- **Recruitment :** The Chairman members to be ambassadors for recruitment from Political parties, Faith Groups or patient groups. Carol Melvin will contact Uxbridge and S Ruislip conservative party.
- **MacMillan Nurses :** Mrs Hill asked if there was any truth in the MacMillan nurses leaving. No one had any information.
- **Rheumatology Clinic :** Complaints about waiting times have been ongoing for some time. Those concerned were advised to contact Hillingdon Hospital PALS or Hillingdon Healthwatch.

**7. Any Other Business :** There was no further business.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thurs. 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016, 7.45pm at the Post Graduate Centre, Mount Vernon Hospital, doors open 7.30pm - Dr Nick Jenkins, National Director Physician Associate Expansion Programme.

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*After circulation of the draft Minutes for February 2016 an email was received from one of the guest speakers. Shane DeGaris, Chief Executive of the Hillingdon Hospitals NHS FT, asking for changes. He had been sent the original draft of his section of the Minutes for comment but unfortunately was away at that time so he did not contact us before circulation. At our subsequent meeting, March 2016, it was agreed to amend the Minutes as requested, so the proposed amendments, below, are filed with the original draft. After that amendment the Minutes were agreed as correct.*

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