

265th Meeting, Thursday 7th September, 2017, Mount Vernon Hospital

1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Welcome:** The Chairman, Joan Davis, welcomed all present, particularly the guest speaker Shane DeGaris, Chief Executive Officer, The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS FT.
- b. Apologies:** Julian Maw (*Hatch End Assoc.*) John Clark (*Northwood Hills Evangelical Church*), Herbert Levinger (*Northwood Hills RA*), Chris Hickman (*Oak Farm RA*), Carol Melvin (*Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner Conservatives*), Donald Edwards (*Ruislip RA*), Liz Segal (*Vine Lane RA*), Janet Baddeley, Mary Butcher, Susan Grunewald, Jon Spain (*Individual Members*) Janet Brown, Elaine O'Sullivan (*Visitors*)
- c. Announcements:**
The Chairman was delighted to announce that the Harefield Practice Patient Participation Group had applied for membership, which Council endorsed with loud applause.

2. GUEST SPEAKER: Shane DeGaris, spoke on "Plans ahead for Hillingdon and Mount Vernon Hospitals":

- a.** He started with an overview of the purpose and vision of his Trust, primarily responsibility for the health and wellbeing of the local community, which he believed could be achieved by partnership working with local organisations including Hillingdon Council. The Hillingdon and Mount Vernon Hospitals had been a Foundation Trust since 2011, producing a turnover of £250 million. Essentially it is a London NHS Trust, but it serves patients from a wide area.
- b.** The speaker noted future concerns, with money a huge issue, including obtaining value for money spent. Waiting times are another major concern, with a constant juggle between quality, targets and finance. 25% of his staff come from the European Union, currently a cause for concern in view of Brexit uncertainties, and the aging estate is a constant problem.
- c.** However, working with others is the way forward and hospitals must not work in silos. The Accountable Care Partnership (ACP) - his Trust providing acute services, Central & North West London NHS FT providing mental health and community services, Hillingdon For All (including voluntary services) and local GPs - is pooling resources and commissioning for outcomes.
- d.** ACP aims to provide a fully integrated health and care system, concentrating on keeping people out of hospital, with fewer hospital beds, fewer hospital staff, shorter stays in hospital achieved by case management of complex patients, a single point of contact to avoid duplication, and reinvestment in care and wellbeing.
- e.** There are fourteen Care Connection Teams already in place looking after the over-65s with one or more long-term conditions, each team consisting of a GP, a Matron, a Care Co-ordinator, with a single point of contact. Areas for future action include new community geriatricians; improved rapid response service; better end of life care; a home-safe unit for newly-admitted frail older people; improved discharge procedures, all aimed at keeping older people fit and well.
- f.** Hillingdon Hospital is in an important location, near both Heathrow Airport and RAF Northolt, but the estate is not ideal. There are three options (i) Do nothing (ii) Improve bit by bit on the current site or (iii) Create a new health campus. A partnership with both Central & North West London NHS FT and Brunel University already exists and his Trust hopes to rebuild a smaller hospital near the existing site, at Brunel University, where health care can develop in new ways.
- g.** At Mount Vernon, East & North Herts. NHS Trust wants to develop services around the Cancer Centre and his Trust wants to develop around the Treatment Centre. A long-term strategy has been agreed between the two Trusts, but the problem is funding. Hillingdon cannot develop the

farm land to the south but would like to sell some land and reinvest the proceeds in new services. There will be a buildings review, land revaluation and general maintenance .

- h.** The big news is that the new Skin Centre will attract patients from a wide area and serve wide local need. The Trust had no cash available, so this will be a leased building. The speaker reassured a questioner on replacement of any car parking spaces lost to the Skin Centre

The speaker was thanked by the Chairman for his interesting and informative address, before he left the hall accompanied by audience applause.

Part II

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – Thursday 6th July, 2017: The draft Minutes were accepted and signed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA: There were no matters arising.

5. URGENT BUSINESS:

a Items on display in the outer hall: Reports from NHS Board Meetings held in August and late July were available, but most Boards did not meet in that period of time due to annual holidays. Handbills for the next two meetings were also available – members were urged to attend and to bring family and friends.

b Use of Mount Vernon Green Belt Land; Tony Ellis noted that this land is currently of little use to anyone. The public has no access. Few, if any, patients view it. It was agreed that he will explore options for its better use and report back to Council.

c. Launch of our Hard of Hearing Campaign: The Chairman introduced the campaign noting that it aims to assist people who have hearing loss by maximising their ability to participate fully in local life. Our working group had produced six sheets which were available to everyone attending the meeting. These sheets can be photocopied and copies are available from the Chairman on request – a general introduction, self help for those with hearing loss and how others can help them, sheets of questions to ask in shops and surgeries, restaurants, and meeting rooms, and details of lip reading classes within a reasonable distance. The campaign depends on members taking action and reporting back the impact of their activities. Anyone can participate, whether or not a member of the Community Voice. We hope for wide coverage and impact.

6. OPEN FORUM:

The Community Voice August news sheet: .There were no items for discussion

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: There was none.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 5th October at 7.45pm in PGC Mount Vernon Hospital when our guest speaker will be Dr Claire Shine, Consultant in Emergency Medicine, West Herts Hospitals NHS Trust speaking on “Sepsis – myths and facts”

Closure: The meeting was closed at 9 .45pm.

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