

268th Meeting, Thursday 7th December, 2017, Mount Vernon Hospital

1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome: The Chairman, Joan Davis, welcomed all present and had expected to welcome as guest speaker Dr Peter Ostler, a Senior Consultant at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre, but he did not arrive. (Subsequently she learned that he was on holiday and the engagement was not in his diary).

Apologies: Valerie Rees (*League of Jewish Women Northwood*), Jan Sutton (*Mount Vernon Comforts Fund*), Mary Perkins (*Mountwood Patients*), Herbert Levinger (*Northwood Hills RA*), Valerie Mellor (*Northwood RA*), Connie Evans and Chris Hickman (*Oak Farm RA*), Carol Melvin (*Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner Conservatives*), Donald Edwards (*Ruislip RA*), Liz Segal (*Vine Lane RA*), Charlotte Frankham (*Uxbridge and South Ruislip Labour Party*), Janet Baddeley, Jane Galbraith, Neville Hughes, Barbara Kalopsidiotis, Barbara Porket, Margaret Ross (*Ind. Mems.*)

2. Guest speaker: Not available.

Part II

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The Minutes of Thurs. 2nd November were agreed and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

5. URGENT BUSINESS: This was kept to a minimum to allow early closure of the meeting

- **Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS FT update:** According to the Trust's website It had now formed a partnership with Guys and St Thomas NHS FT, Kings College Hospital NHS FT, South London and Maudsley NHS FT and Kings College London. Copies of the website statement were available at the back of the hall. The Chairman noted that this partnership could be a ganging up of London FTs against the NHS England proposal to withdraw support for the Royal Brompton Hospital's congenital heart services or it could be the prelude to a merger of London NHS trusts engineered by NHS England. She hoped to obtain a Trust speaker early in the New Year to clarify the impact of this partnership.
- **Items on display at the back of the hall:** Reports from NHS Board meetings were available,, posters for our future meetings, and our "Hard of Hearing" question papers.
- **Hillingdon Healthwatch GP services survey:** This would run until 12th January 2018.
- **Our "Hard of Hearing" campaign:** Members were urged to give active support to this important campaign.
- **NHS Board Meetings in public:** The chairman reported that a number of NHS bodies were now holding fewer meetings in public, which could reduce accountability and thus concern

NEXT MEETING: Thursday. 4th January in the Post Graduate Centre at Mount Vernon - a discussion meeting for members only. Topics for discussion should be sent to the Chairman.

Closure: The meeting was closed at 8 15pm to allow members to welcome in the festive season..

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