

NHS Lothian

EAST Lothian Community Health Partnership

Note of the sixth meeting of the East Lothian Community Health Partnership Sub-Committee held on Thursday 26 October 2006 at 9am in the Board Room, Edenhall Hospital, Musselburgh.

Present: Ann McCarthy, Chair
David White, General Manager
Dr Ian Johnston, Clinical Director
Lynda Cowie, Chief Nurse
Donald Grant, Counsellor, East Lothian Council
Dr Graham Alexander, General Practitioner
Brian Brockie, Allied Health Professional
Thomas Miller, Staff Partnership Representative
Lindsay Howden, Pharmacist
Brian Montgomery, Optometrist
Don Lester, Carer Representative
Fiona Mitchell, LUHD Representative

In Attendance: Richard Walter, PCO Secretary
John Boyce, Public Health Practitioner
Ginny Morton, Senior Health Promotion Specialist
Steven Wray, Health Improvement Officer

Apologies: Alan Ross, East Lothian Council Children's Services
Jan Cochran, Head of Community Support East Lothian Council
Tom Timmons, Dental Representative
James Bruce, Voluntary Organisation Representative

46 Minutes of the meeting of 14 September 2006

46.1 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 September 2006 were approved as a correct record subject to the following amendments:-

46.1.1 Minute 37.1.3 there was some doubt about the accuracy of the second last sentence concerning a survey of carers. David White would speak with Jan Cochran to clarify its exact meaning or alternatively the sentence should be deleted.

47. Matters Arising from Minutes

47.1 Waiting List Key Targets (Minute 34.2 refers) - Fiona Mitchell referred to a weekly monitoring of urgent cancer referrals and suggested it would be useful to receive an update on East Lothian patients. She

appreciated the information might not be sorted by postcodes, but wondered if an indication could be given on a regular basis.

47.1.1 David White agreed to give some consideration to this and to other specific areas of interest about East Lothian patients from the Acute Division that would be useful for the CHP. **DW**

47.2 Infrastructure Update (Minute 35 refers)

47.2.1 Musselburgh - The Sub-committee noted that the project team working on the proposed Musselburgh Primary Care Centre would now be formed and a meeting of it would be held in November 2006. He explained that this meeting had been delayed because of lack of architectural support but he expected that the process would be rectified soon.

47.2.2 Don Lester wondered if the debate on the size of the Tesco store development in Musselburgh might cause delay to the development of the Health Centre. David White confirmed that the Council were consulting on the proposals and that traders in Musselburgh were expected to have some concerns about the size of the store. Tesco were reported to have considerable experience of this and were robust in their assertion that siting stores in towns could be of benefit to local traders. However, everyone concerned in the work around the Health Centre recognised the need to work out the best proposal which would cause the least delay to the building.

47.2.3 Haddington Hospitals Update - David White explained that given the current affordability gap which was in the region of £2.5m, a useful half day meeting had been held to look at some ideas to address the shortfall. These included reusing the Roodlands medical-surgical block for team bases (Mental Health and Learning Disabilities etc); consideration of the building of a first storey; retention of the outpatient building and the retention of radiology services on site. Some of these options would ensure that the new build would require less space and architects were now considering these suggestions more closely.

47.2.4 Following a query from Dr Graham Alexander about the costs being challenged, the Sub-committee discussed the difficult judgement around building what was an affordable project but also being able to plan ahead for the future to ensure premises were fit for purpose and would allow potential additional accommodation requirements.

47.2.5 Edington Hospital - David White reported that the East Lothian Courier had been enquiring about the potential future of Edington Hospital. He stressed there was no active plans to close the hospital and any proposals to change the use of any of the CHP's facilities would have to be subject to full consultation with staff, patients, council partners etc.

- 47.3 Child Protection Update - David White gave the Sub-committee an update on the current situation.
- 47.3.1 It was noted that the Child Protection Committee had met following the death of a child in East Lothian in late 2005. An Independent Review had been commissioned and their report was now in draft form. The report was strictly confidential for members of the Child Protection Team only, due to *sub judice* issues. The report would be finalised and be made public following the associated trial scheduled for December 2006.
- 47.3.2 The Sub-committee noted that the HMI had produced a draft report following their visit to East Lothian as one of a series they were producing throughout the country. Again when the final report was available, this would be discussed by the Sub-Committee. **DW**
- 47.3.3 It was noted that Alan Ross would provide a more detailed report on the recommendations to the Sub-committee as soon as the report was available. **AR**
- 47.4 Hosting/Transitions Update - David White reported on progress with transferring the services from the PCO before it dissolved. At a recent Strategic Change Management Group meeting it had been agreed that Health Promotion and Lothian Unscheduled Care Service would be proposed for hosting by East Lothian CHP. David White assured members that he had discussed the proposals with Ian Johnston and they were content the services could be supported subject to detailed discussion on the management arrangements. Proposals would go to the EMT and then NHS Lothian Board for final approval.
- 47.5 Protection of Vulnerable Adults (PoVA) - Progress on Multi-agency Action Plan - David White informed members that much discussion had taken place over issues around child protection and equivalent issues for adults. He also said that East Lothian Adult Protection Committee had met and a remit and action plan produced. These would be taken forward with, Council, NHS, Police and other relevant organisations who would contribute to the final action plan. A presentation would follow to the CHP as soon as possible. **DW**
- 48. Performance Overview**
- 48.1 Mid-year Financial Position - David White indicated that the report to the end of September 2006 (month 6) showed a modest overspend of £24,000 against a budget of £18.6m. He was therefore increasingly confident that the CHP would be able to meet the spending targets including the £360K CRES which had been removed this financial year. There was still a large issue to be

addressed around the prescribing position with national price changes largely dictating the outcome.

- 48.1.1 It was noted that work continued with GPs to identify savings in the drug budgets and a very positive meeting with Community Pharmacists had resulted in the offer that they would lend their expertise to this challenge. The Sub-committee recognised however that savings achieved might still not recover the current overspend.
- 48.2 Waiting List Key Targets - The Sub-committee noted a circulated report on waiting list targets and appreciated that the CHP was making good progress in this area.
- 48.3 Absence - The Sub-committee were pleased to note that the last three months showed renewed progress towards the CHP's target of a sustainable 4.5% or lower by December 2006.
- 48.4 Delayed Discharge - The Sub-committee noted the position of 23 overall delays. Although this represented a modest improvement from a high of 25 in August, it was recognised this was still an area for a lot of attention and East Lothian partners were engaged in redesign processing which would begin to show results over the next few months.
- 48.4.1 Fiona Mitchell stressed this was a big issue for all of NHS Lothian and had a very real knock on effect for acute patients.
- 48.5 Mid-year review of Work Plan - There were no particular issues raised not covered in other reports.
- 48.6 Re-admission progress - The Sub-committee noted from a circulated report that work led by Dr Ian Johnston, with support from Carol Lumsden, had led to two very successful dedicated days on 8 and 19 September 2006 which helped bring the work on re-admissions together and considered acknowledged best practice examples from across the UK. A report was now being written up which would be presented to the CHP in due course. It was further noted that a CHP/UHD workshop was taking place on 3 November 2006 which would look at how efforts could be better orchestrated across NHS Lothian.

49. Current Health Improvement Activity

- 49.1 Ann McCarthy welcomed John Boyce, Ginny Morton and Steven Wray to the meeting who gave a joint presentation around the scope of the health improvement functions.
- 49.1.1 The CHP noted the work being undertaken by East Lothian CHP Public Health Team and particular issues around Health Promotion,

Health Protection and Quality and Effectiveness and Healthcare Services.

49.1.2 The Sub-committee discussed a number of ways in which they may address the various challenges particularly relevant to health inequalities and smoking cessation.

49.1.3 John Boyce reaffirmed that the Health Information Team would be glad to assist the CHP Sub-committee in addressing any health inequality.

49.1.4 Ann McCarthy thanked the speakers for there interesting and thought provoking presentations.

50. Optometry

50.1 Brian Montgomery updated the Sub-committee on the new national optometry contract which had been negotiated in Scotland and whereby everyone was now entitled to a free eye test. Optometrists received a general fee for this which was supplemented if they had to call the patient back in for paid treatment. It was hoped this service would support the work done by the Eye Pavilion and GPs.

50.2 It was noted that all practices had been reassessed before they could sign the new contracts and all operate at a minimum level of expertise. There was a target that every practice should have the same level of service.

50.3 Although referrals had not yet greatly increased, Brian Montgomery was confident that the Service would save the NHS a large amount of money with hospitals only seeing those people that really required to be seen. The initial contract was for a period of two years but it was hoped this would be extended. The management of red eye and local level treatment of glaucoma were possibilities for future developments.

50.4 It was noted that the diabetic framework was under change and it was hoped that all patients could be photographed with digital cameras, although it was noted there had been earlier teething problems with this system. It was also noted that it was hoped that eye examinations could be included as the norm within the health examination for children. This was something not currently done. but as with examination of teeth etc could help prevent problems in later life. The Sub-committee was pleased to note the progress that had been made.

51. Dates for 2007 - Final Agreed Dates

Following consideration, members agreed the following dates for 2007:- Thursday 25 January, Thursday 8 March, Thursday 19 April,

Thursday 31 May, Thursday 28 June, Thursday 23 August, Thursday 11 October, 15 November and Thursday 13 December.

52. Joint Future Executive Minutes 4 September 2006

52.1 It was noted these minutes had not been made available and Ann McCarthy undertook to follow this up.

53. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

The Sub-committee noted a tabled copy of a paper suggesting topics for future meetings. These were agreed and it was noted that the Public Health presentation which had been deferred would be taken at the next meeting.

54. Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would take place on **Wednesday 13 December 2006** at 9am in the Board Room, Edenhall Hospital, Musselburgh.

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ACTION NOTE

Topic	Decision	Action
Survey of Carers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• David White would speak with Jan Cochran to check if last sentence of Minute 37.1.3 was accurate.	DW
Waiting List Key Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• David White to give some consideration to specific areas of interest about East Lothian patients from the Acute Division that would be useful for the CHPs information.	DW
Child Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alan Ross would provide a more detailed report on the recommendations of the independent review to the Sub-committee at its next meeting.	AR
PoVA - Progress on Multi-agency Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• David White would arrange a presentation would to the CHP as soon as possible.	DW
Joint Future Executive Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ann McCarthy to query availability of recent meeting minutes.	AMcC