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Notes of meeting with Matthew LOHN in Manchester 24th September 2003

Present:

Matthew LOHN

Nigel NIVEN

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NN briefed ML on contents of family group meeting 11/09.

Clinical team:

Current clinical team have been employed to provide an analysis of case notes and provide a filtering system. This process will continue and be key to any future 'disengagements' of cases. They will continue to be employed as the key team, but if any case was later considered to be appropriate for any form of proceedings, then a separate team of experts will be used. Teams to be referred to as 'Key Clinical Team' and 'Clinical Review Team.'

Peter LAWSON and Ann NAYSMITH will be used to further refine certain cases.

ML indicated that IF Dr NAYSMITH had not been part of the key clinical team she would have been ideal for the Clinical Review Team

ML recommended Professor Irene HIGGINSON as Palliative care expert.

Patient Profiles:

OK handed to ML patient record DVD's and clinical team briefing pack.

A 761 ARRANGE FOR ADDITIONAL 20+ CASES TO BE COPIED TO DVD
Further 20+ cases, including 16 identified by Professor Richard BAKER to be copied to DVD and passed to current clinical team for review in same manner as first 62.
NN will visit team members individually and brief them.

Consideration will be given to cold calling FGM's of 16 cases identified by Professor Richard BAKER.

A 762 ARRANGE FOR PATIENT RECORDS TO BE PRINTED FROM DVDS
Arrangements are in hand for patient records to be digitally printed from DVD's by Hampshire Police graphics department. Hard copy prints will at a later stage be compared against original files for quality assurance.

Records of comments made by individual clinical team members and the conclusions of the clinical team to be obtained. *A 763 OBTAIN RECORDS OF NOTES MADE BY INDIVIDUAL CLINICAL TEAM MEMBERS*

ML stressed the importance of the written records recorded by Professor FORREST during the discussion held during the review process, as they are a record of his management of the group.

NN outlined the Policy in respect of Professor FORREST.

ML will review cases using medical records, clinical team comments and Officers Reports and will devise questions for Peter LAWSON and Ann NAYSMITH.

ML will review cases which currently fall into categories 1A and 2A as a priority with a view to disengaging cases of no concern asap.

Agreed timescales:

Friday 17th October - Hard copy files, including additional information from experts, to be generated by.

Saturday 6th December - Clinical team meeting to be held for review of additional 20+ cases.

Other issues:

ML requested copies of previous issues of Wessex Protocol as current issue is not relevant as it dates from 1999. OK informed him that we are having difficulties obtaining previous issues despite speaking to the author but we will endeavour to obtain issues from 1987. ML suggested the Royal Society of Medicine library, of which he is a member.

ML suggested obtaining information on patterns of prescribing, identifying peaks and troughs and prescribing pattern changes. Drug charts should be checked through for dates and amounts of diamorphine prescribed.

A 764 OBTAIN ALL EDITIONS OF WESSEX PROTOCOL SINCE 1987 - CONSIDER ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE LIBRARY.
A 765 OBTAIN INFORMATION RESEARCH PATTERNS OF PRESCRIBING
 ML suggested contacting the Prescription Pricing Authority (PACT) for data.

Report of Professor BAKER to be reviewed when obtained for references to the volume of diamorphine consumed.

Causation discussed. Toxicology needed - consideration to be given to exhumations in order to establish levels of diamorphine. OK stated that 3 of the 3B cases are burials and contingency plans have commenced in respect of these.

A 766 OBTAIN COPY OF REPORT BY PROF. BAKER TO PACT CMO
A 767 CONSIDER EXHUMATIONS TO ESTABLISH LEVELS OF DIAMORPHINE
 NN mentioned that Ian Barker - legal representative for Dr Jane BARTON - had been seen and informed that we are likely to need to interview her again but this may not be for some time.

ML suggested obtaining copy of Interim Audit from GMC.

A 768 OBTAIN COPY OF INTERIM AUDIT FROM GMC
 NN will arrange meetings with Chief Executives of the Primary Care Trust and the Strategic Health Authority to discuss current state of investigation including the IOC in respect of Dr BARTON.

Issues of costs in respect of ML discussed.

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