

Fareham and Gosport



Primary Care Trust

**NOTES OF A MEETING TO DISCUSS
GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL MEDICAL STAFFING
HELD ON THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER 2002
IN THE BOARD ROOM AT FAREHAM REACH**

Present: *Fiona Cameron*
Margaret Smith
Althea Lord
Jan Peach

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1.	Notes of Previous Meeting / Matters Arising	
1.1	<u>Out of Hours Update</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Prime Care</u> – The costings for the Prime Care element Out of Hours is still awaited. Fiona has spoken to Derek Witt's secretary on the telephone earlier in the day and these costings are in the post. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Advert for Intermediate Care Physician</u> – Althea tabled the outline job description and person spec. It was agreed that the advert would go out the first week in January, week ending 03/01/03, with a closing date of 17th January and interviews scheduled for 24th January, 27th, 28th or 29th. Interview panel would be led by Matthew Pouliel as Althea is on leave. There would also be someone from Personnel, Fiona Cameron or Margaret Smith and the Chairman or Non-Executive Director. It is anticipated that Chris Donohoe will manage this process for us. 	AL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Extension to the Current Contract</u> Fiona has now agreed with the Knapman practice via Dr Beasley that they will cover the 25 hours not covered by the Prime Care contract. They will undertake this role from 1st January through until 16th February. There was a short discussion around the contingency arrangements for the period immediately following this. Althea indicated that Joseph Vikona was willing to do the 5.00 – 7.00 p.m. slot for a short period of time if that would help. Which would leave the Saturday morning visit and the 7.00 – 9.00 am period to be covered. This needs to remain on the agenda. 	FC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>GP Practice visits</u> Margaret fed back to the group on these. She has visited five practices now, either with Gordon Sommerville or with Ian Reid. There has been some enthusiasm for the visits, given that they are evidence of the PCT support for local GPs. There seems to be general support for the idea of geriatrician triage of patients being transferred from PHT and an anxiety regarding the potential loss of X-ray at Gosport War Memorial. An idea has been floated around the PCT investigating the possibility of providing additional occ. Health support to Gosport GPs. 	

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2.	<p>There was also an issue around Pharmacy and a perception that there was little or no pharmacy service to Gosport War Memorial at present. Jan Peach agreed to check this on 6th and let those present know.</p> <p>GP Bed Fund Meeting – Monday 9 December</p> <p>It was agreed that Althea, Gordon, Alan, Fiona, Margaret and Jan would be present for this. The idea of the meeting, which will start with a hot supper, is to discuss with GPs their general views regarding the current bed fund situation and to discuss possible options for increased use in the future. These are likely to be a combination of increased payment to GPs, geriatrician triage of patients and possibly the release of some of these beds to Elderly Medicine, providing of course the medical cover Out of Hours issue can be resolved.</p> <p>Margaret and Fiona had identified the two realistic options for Out of Hours cover at Gosport, which it was felt should be shared with the GPs at this meeting as well:-</p> <p><u>Option 1</u> (and the ideal option) would be Monday – Friday, doctor on site cover between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm. The rationale for this being:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuity • Opportunity to support GP beds (back-up cover) • Elderly Medicine could take over any beds GPs did not want • Holiday cover would be improved • There would be increased flexibility • Increased peer support <p>In relation to Option 1, it was felt that it could be carried out in a number of ways:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Two doctors employed by East Hants PCT working out of Gosport with significant overlap. (b) One full time doctor plus two part time doctors (c) One full time doctor plus multiple part time doctors (d) Any of the above but with the 7.00 – 9.00 am and 5.00 – 7.00 pm weekdays being on call and a further period of on call between 7.00 am and 12.00 pm on a Saturday, as well as a weekend visit to the ward, either on Saturday morning or at some other period over the weekend. <p><u>Option 2</u> is considered to be one doctor 9.00 am – 5.00 pm Monday to Friday, with two levels of on call support - Prime Care for the Hours that they do and further on call support between 7.00 – 9.00 am, 5.00 – 7.00 pm and 7.00 am – 12.00 pm on a Saturday, with a ward visit at the weekend which is agreed in advance and regular.</p> <p>Fiona agreed to have these options typed for the meeting on Monday.</p>	<p>JP</p> <p>FC</p>

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3.	Any Other Business <u>Status of Patients whose GP has resigned from the Bed Fund or who are residual PHT transfers after 2nd December</u> Jan agreed to determine the status of any residual patients and let Fiona have this on Friday 6 th December.	JP
4.	Date and Time of Next Meeting 19 th December – 3.30 p.m. Venue: Fareham Reach – Board Room	