# Fareham and Gosport NHS

**Primary Care Trust** 

Notes of meeting to discuss Gosport War Memorial Hospital Medical Staffing

Held on 28th November 2002-11-29

Board Room, Fareham Reach

Present:

Fiona Cameron
Neil Stubbs
Margaret Smith
Althea Lord
Ian Reid
Jan Peach

1. Out of Hours Update

**Bellenger Practice** 

The Bellenger Practice via Dr Du Feu had rung Fiona to suggest that they might be interested in picking up both the in hours and out of hours associated with Dryad and Daedalus.

The idea was that one of their current GPs, Donal Collins, would do a half time at Gosport (he lives close to Gosport War Memorial Hospital) and the practice would employ another parity partner. The round figure quoted was £100K. It was understood that this was not to include the out of hours element of the contract.

There was some discussion regarding the size of this proposal financially. Fiona to check back with Grant that she had fully understood his proposal.

Prime Care in relation to normal out of hours cover

Fiona had received a letter from Derek Witt stating that her letter had been received. It was being given consideration and that he felt there were no problems about commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003.

Advert for Intermediate Care Physician

Althea tabled the job description for this and would update/check it out with Ian Reid next week and then go to advert to check the market.

Action

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## • Extension to current contract

Dr Beasley from the Knapman practice has confirmed that he and two of his partners would be prepared to sustain this contract to the middle of February. It was agreed that Fiona would write to Dr Beasley outlining the proposals for cover from the middle of February and in addition, ringing him on 29<sup>th</sup> November to discuss payment for this extension to the contract.

The practice could choose to continue doing that which they currently do or a reduced out of hours provision for the 25 hours not covered by HealthCall if that contract is let from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003.

FC – to discuss with Dr Beasley

**Action** 

## 2. GP Beds

Margaret Smith and Gordon Sommerville have visited a number of practices now and Gordon has met with a few GPs individually. There is less antipathy towards continuing on the bed fund than the notes of the Gosport Medical Committee meeting would have suggested. Some doctors, Dr Pennells, Dr Hajiantonis and indeed Dr Anderson, who has pulled out (might consider rejoining), feel supportive of the continuance of the GP beds at Gosport.

The Lloyd practice had expressed some interest in the out of hours but have subsequently come back to Margaret and declined.

lan Reid suggested that a meeting was called by the PCT inviting representatives from each of the practices on the bed fund. The idea was that Gordon would chair the meeting and there would be a discussion around how the beds could be used and how transfers from Elderly Medicine might be managed in the future.

It was suggested that a meeting was set up for an evening prior to Christmas and Fiona agreed to talk to Gordon on 29<sup>th</sup> November about this.

FC/GS

#### 3. Haslar

Neil had been in contact with Alison Knowles and it looked unlikely that the RMOs at Haslar could provide cover to Gosport War Memorial Hospital. However, there was still the possibility of securing beds on the Haslar site for the 44 patients in Dryad and Daedalus. The group however, determined that given the other options on the table, this would not be pursued in the short term.

# 4. It was agreed that:

Margaret and Fiona would meet to work up the options which could be presented to the GPs at the meeting in December. These options would be around paying a number of practices to provide MS/FC

the out of hours cover, a number of GPs working part time and/or another staff grade.

5. Date and Time of Next Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> December 2002 – 4.30 pm Fareham Reach

# Week Commencing 25<sup>th</sup> November 02 – PHT Bed Crisis

The Trust was contacted on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November by David Eccles from Portsmouth Hospitals stating that they had patients waiting in ambulances and that there were 10 patients who met the criteria for Sultan Ward who could be transferred to Gosport and he believed Gosport had 10 beds.

In fact, Gosport had 7 beds. However, the following actions were undertaken:

Jan checked with Portsmouth Hospitals for a list of the Gosport patients and was unable to obtain lists – see attached note.

Jan then checked how many Dryad and Daedalus patients were waiting for nursing homes and checked with their GP to see whether they would be prepared to look after them on Sultan Ward. This was not particularly hopeful. Jan also checked with Elderly Medicine to see if there were patients awaiting general rehab or stroke or continuing care who could be transferred out to Dryad and Daedalus, if the patients waiting for nursing home beds could be moved elsewhere.

Jan to write this up and pass to Fiona so that the information could be passed to Portsmouth Hospitals.