

## Fiona Cameron - Operational Director

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**From:**  
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**To:** Fiona Cameron - Operational Director  
**Subject:** Visit to Dr Coonan and partners

Ian and I visited the practice today.

I think the reason for withdrawing from the bed fund was three fold and not necessarily in this order.

Fear of retribution

Workload

Inappropriate referrals

Also they were interested that other practices withdrew from the bed fund at the same time as they had not discussed this.

It was a good meeting and they were pleased that the PCT had gone to visit.

Comments made included What rehab was there as it appeared that there was 1/2 hour a day physio- useless among that number of patients.

Are OK to look after Mr Withers still on the ward but he had been there since September and there was no need has a new social worker now so hoping he will be moved on, he has deteriorated since he has been on the ward.

Inappropriate referrals from Acute such as a person who was sent to die had severe dehydration had not had anything to drink for three days within two he was sitting up and taking notice.

People being sent with no agreement, relatives contacting GPs asking for them to look after patients at Sultan at the time in hospital.etc

**One good constructive suggestion was some availability of counselling for GPs in Gosport as they are taking additional strain- patients not wanting to go into hospital, people not wanting pain killers at terminal stage as doctors often get it wrong etc. We need to discuss this.**

They would obviously not be wooed back, not that that was one of the efforts, however they did think triaged admission by geriatric consultants was a good idea. Also linking jobs to academia or general practice part time for each worth looking at.

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