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NOTES OF AN OUT OF HOURS 
 MEDICAL COVER LIAISON MEETING
 HELD ON 12 APRIL 2002

Present: *Althea Lord*
Fiona Cameron
Dr Beasley

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<p>1.</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>(c)</p>	<p>The meeting had been requested by Dr Beasley on behalf of the Knapman practice to consider changes in the way Dryad and Daedalus now worked and the impact on the Out of Hours doctors.</p> <p>The following issues were raised as part of that discussion:-</p> <p><u>Intravenous Infusions</u></p> <p>Dr Beasley suggested that, whilst the GPs were happy with subcutaneous infusions, there had been some concern raised over intravenous infusions, particularly in relation to access to up-to-date urea and electrolyte results and the action to be taken should the venflon tissue.</p> <p>Short discussion around this indicated that nurses did in fact have access to results and Fiona will check that this is the case, via Jan Peach.</p> <p>There was also a discussion about the types of patient and the level of stability of their condition. It was acknowledged that it would be inappropriate to legislate in relation to this. However, it was felt that it should be a relatively rare occurrence.</p> <p><u>Transfer of patients to these wards Out of Hours</u></p> <p>While this has been around in principle as part of the capacity planning for winter, it was not felt that it had actually been an issue. However, it was noted that in future these kinds of changes ought to be communicated to the practice.</p> <p><u>Annual leave of the staff grade</u></p> <p>Dr Beasley was interested to know how this was being covered and whilst it is currently not an issue it is envisaged that this could be problematic in the future.</p>	<p>FC</p>

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(d)	<p><u>Practice cover to the Wards</u></p> <p>It is likely that only four or five doctors will be available from the Knapman practice to cover these wards Out of Hours. There could potentially be problems on a Saturday morning, but Dr Beasley was confident these could be managed.</p>	
(e)	<p><u>Unstable Diabetes / Unstable Medical Conditions</u></p> <p>A particular issue had arisen with an unstable diabetic, however, the patient is a longstanding one. It was noted that all the nurses are now trained in alert which is 'acute life threatening events recognition and treatment'.</p>	
2.	<p>General Gosport War Memorial Hospital Issues</p>	
(a)	<p><u>Sultan Ward GP Beds</u></p> <p>Dr Beasley noted that the Gosport Medical Committee would be meeting on 17 April and that these beds would be discussed. It was disappointing that nothing had come of the proposal to reduce the number of GP beds by six.</p>	
(b)	<p><u>Transfers to Sultan</u></p> <p>Dr Beasley raised the issue of inappropriate referrals to Sultan Ward. It was agreed that GPs were the only people who could decide if a patient was appropriate for transfer to Sultan and where there were problems this needed to be referred back to the referring consultant.</p>	
(c)	<p><u>Education / Training / Appraisal</u></p> <p>It was agreed by those present that there needed to be a programme for the GPs Out of Hours team for Gosport War Memorial Hospital and the most useful way forward might be for Dr Beasley to discuss with his partners what topics would be most appropriate / helpful.</p> <p>These to be provided to Fiona Cameron who will then discuss with Dr Lord in terms of setting up a programme. It was agreed it would be useful to have information as to when the GPs would be most likely to be able to attend.</p>	

3.	Date and Time of Next Meeting It was agreed that this needed to be after the CHI report was available and probably towards the end of July. Fiona agreed to set this up.	Action FC
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