

**PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE HEALTH AUTHORITY**

**Gosport Preparatory Primary Care Group**

**Notes of the Meeting held Thursday 1 October at 12.30 1998**

<b>Present:</b>	Bob Pennells	BP	David Young	DY
	John Bassett	JBa	Jayne Colebourne	JC
	Wendy Harrison	WH	Jonathon Hilderbrand	JH
	John Grocock	JG	Hazel Bagshaw	HB
	Evelyn Beale	EB	Liz Ross	LR
	Peter Lacey	PL	John Kirtley	JK
	David Evans	DE	Hugh Janes	HJ
	Brendan Coonan	BC	Colin Hardy	CH

<b>No</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
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**1**      **Apologies for Absence**  
Jane Barton

**2**      **Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 3 September 1998**  
These were agreed.

**3**      **Gosport Primary Care Group**

**3.1      Update on PCG Board Membership**

GP membership of the PCG Board was confirmed as follows, together with the roles of chair and vice chair:

Jane Barton (Chair)  
Bob Pennells (Vice-chair)  
David Young  
John Bassett  
John Grocock  
D Lynch  
Wendy Harrison

JK also confirmed that Rosemary Pockley would be the Health Authority (HA) Non-Exec representative and the interviews for the LAY member would take place shortly.

**3.2      Colin Hardy (Area Directors for Social Services)**

CH outlined the current structure of Social Services in Fareham and Gosport explaining their specialist nature, together with an overview of the budget (details of which are contained in the handout provided). CH explained that due to financial constraints, only those people with severest need tended to be provided with a service, although this did vary across the different groups. CH also outlined some of the issues concerning the high costs of meeting the needs of high dependency learning disability clients which often costed in the region of £50-£80k a year. JK suggested that certain high cost services such as mental health and learning disabilities could be commissioned at a HA level.

Discussion then followed on the advantages of a specialised service, compared to a more geographically focused service which may offer improved communications with GPs. CH

accepted the need for good communications with GPs, although felt that placing one social worker in each practice may not be the most cost effective way of achieving this and may not be achievable due to the number of practices involved. However CH stressed the need to work together on projects that would improve services and there was general agreement that the District Nurse as Care Manager project may be suitable. It was therefore agreed that further discussion on this as a potential project take place at a later date.

### **3.3 Liz Ross (Service Manager for Portsmouth HealthCare Trust)**

LR updated the group on the current consultation process with the nursing profession that was required in order to agree nurse representation on the PCG Board. It seemed likely that elections would take place in January/February of 1999 and that 2 representatives would be elected onto the PCG board.

## **4 Other PCG issues**

### **4.1 Prescribing update**

HB reported that the overall figures looked encouraging although stressing the need to continue working and highlighting the key areas to target. JK suggested that further investment therefore take place in community pharmacists and this was agreed.

JK

### **4.2 Physiotherapy**

HJ explained that the information promised by Portsmouth HealthCare had yet to be received and agreed to continue chasing it and to put this item onto the agenda for the next meeting.

### **4.3 GP beds**

HJ updated the work undertaken by Alex Clark and Jonathon Hilderbrand explaining that agreement had been reached on all practices, excluding the Bassett practice, taking part in a pilot. It was agreed that the issue of the appropriate timing of discharging patients into the GP beds was a key issue for all practices and JH agreed to ensure this was dealt with by the project ie. Sufficient notice was given when patients were to be discharged.

JH

### **4.4 Agree programme for Awayday**

This was agreed.

HJ

### **4.5 Timing of future meetings**

It was agreed that this issue be discussed during the awayday.

## **5 AOB**

## **6 Date of next meeting**

Thursday 5 November at 12.30 in the Seminar Room, Gosport War Memorial.