

**PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE HEALTH AUTHORITY**

**Gosport Locality GP Steering Group**

**Notes of the Meeting held Thursday 7 May 1998**

<b>Present:</b>	Jane Barton	JBa	David Evans	DE
	David Young	DY	Brendan Coonan	BC
	Wendy Harrison	WH	Shirley Hardy	SH
	Bob Pennells	BP	John Kirtley	JK
	John Grocock	JG	Hugh Janes	HJ
	Evelyn Beale	EB	Alex Clark	AC
	Peter Lacey	PL		

<b>No</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
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**1**      **Apologies for Absence**  
John Bassett

**2**      **Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 April 1998**  
Correction: The following section should read: 'DY suggested that as the questionnaire ....., as apposed to 'JB.....'.

**3**      **Matters arising**

**3.1      Update on the prescribing position and support to be provided**

HJ explained that Hazel Bagshaw has been appointed as the prescribing advisor for Gosport and would be contacting each practice to discuss how she can help. It was also agreed that she be invited to the next meeting.

HJ

**4**      **Setting up a Gosport Primary Care Group (PCG)**

JB explained that the Health Authority (HA) were convening a meeting to discuss the issue of budget setting and equity between PCGs and suggested that wider representation from Gosport would be useful. Given the potential problems of data accuracy with Haslar, together with the knowledge and expertise amassed by the Pennells Practice, as the main GPFH dealing with Haslar, it was agreed that JB, BP and Jayne Colebourne represent Gosport at this meeting.

JB/BP

JB raised the issue if funding to support the establishment of PCGs, together with the employment status of people working with/for the PCG. JK explained that at present the issue of additional funding was unclear, by he agreed to update the group as soon as he had any further details. JK then explained that a level 3 and 4 PCGs would employ their own staff, but prior to this it would be expected that the HA would employ staff as they retain overall responsibility for the monies allocated to PCGs.

BC asked about the possibility of money be transferred from secondary care to primary care in order to enable GPs to be paid for work which they would otherwise have referred on to the acute sector. JK agreed that the White Paper made this perfectly feasible, but that the running down costs of the service currently provided by an acute trust would need to be covered. BC also asked whether a level 1 and 2 PCG would act as a sub-committee of the HA and JK confirmed that this would be the case.

PL asked about the possible dangers of one PCG disinvesting in a particular service provided by an NHS Trust and this resulting in other PCGs facing increased overheads. JK agreed that, depending upon the service, this was a potential risk. However this risk should be minimised by cooperation between the PCGs, Trusts and HA.

In answer to a general concern over the level of work and responsibility associated with a level 2 PCG, JK explained that a level 2 PCG would not have to commission all secondary and community services currently provided by NHS Trusts. Instead they could choose from a list of services that were available to level 2 PCGs. The HA would also be working very closely with the PCGs, therefore they would be well supported.

JG asked whether individual GPs would be financially liable for any overspends generated by a PCG. JK explained that this would not be the case, but that as is the case with the HA, managers responsible within the PCG could be dismissed.

In order to take the debate on the setting up of a PCG forward, it was agreed that the next meet be used to discuss and compile a list of issues that Gosport GPs would like to see addressed. These would encompass hospitals, community and social care. HJ agreed to circulate a prompt to each practice prior to the next meeting and each GP representative agreed to discuss this with their partners.

HJ

## 5 **Update on Haslar**

SH explained that there was no further information on the review by the Surgeon General and that further information was expected in June. SH also outlined discussions relating to the elimination of the 'free good' element of Health Authority's budget, explaining that a further meeting was to take place in June and the situation may be resolved by 1999.

## 6 **AOB**

## 7 **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 4 June 1998 at 12.30 pm in **The Seminar Room, Gosport War Memorial.**