

**PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE HEALTH AUTHORITY**

**Gosport Locality GP Steering Group**

**Notes of the Meeting held Wednesday 10 December 1997**

<b>Present:</b>	Jane Barton	JBa	Evelyn Beale	EB
	David Young	DY	David Evans	DE
	John Bassett	JB	Squadron Leader David Hoyle	DH
	Bob Pennells	BP	Hugh Janes	HJ
	John Grocock	JG	Alex Clark	AC

In attendance: Liz Ross (LR) from Portsmouth HealthCare Trust (PHC)

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

Chris Tart

**4 Discussion on current allocation of district nurses, practice nurses and health visitors**

LR outlined the background to the current pattern of resource allocation for health visitors and district nurses. Service Agreements for district nursing had been drawn up detailing the services each practice could expect to receive, along with the individual practice resource allocation and skill mix. LR displayed an anonymous practice-based bar graph detailing the number of hours worked by health visitors together with a number of factors associated with the need for health visitors. It was apparent from the graph that the overriding factor associated with health visiting hours was the number of children aged 0-5, ie the greater the number of children in the 0-5 age group, the greater the number of health visiting hours were required.

Discussion then followed on the type of work carried out by both health visitors and district nurses and LR agreed to update the group of what information was currently being recorded by the Trust's system of light pens. LR also agreed to look into whether any information was available on the amount of district nurse time spent taking blood at a practice level. The GPs also requested that individual practices be identified on the health visitor bar chart and a copy be sent to each practice (copy attached).

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LR/HJ

AC tabled figures detailing the current allocation of practice nurses by practice. The information displayed was the reimbursable amount plus the average relief over three years per 1000 patients. It was agreed that this information provided a useful baseline to discuss resource allocation and that other factors, such as practices with branch surgeries, could then be taken into account. Discussion then followed as to the type of work undertaken by practice nurses and it was apparent that

considerable variation existed. AC therefore agreed to contact MAAG and discuss the possibility of conducting an audit into variations between practices in the type of work carried out by their practice nurses.

AC

## **2 Notes of the Meeting held Wednesday 5 November 1997**

These were agreed.

## **3 Practice-based Physiotherapy waiting lists**

### **3.1 Update on reductions in waiting lists**

HJ explained that additional money had been allocated by the Health Authority in order to reduce the waiting lists at Gosport War Memorial prior to the commencement of the practice-based waiting lists pilot. HJ understood that the number of patients currently on a waiting lists had dropped 200 and further reductions were likely. The pilot project was therefore still due to commence on 1 January 1998.

### **3.2 Anticipated referrals per annum by practice**

HJ explained that Ian Latimer would shortly be writing to each practice with referral guidelines and anticipated referral rates. At this stage, each practice's allocation was still based upon referral rates, with an annual target of 25 per 1000. However, in light of the suggestion made at the previous meeting to take account of casemix, work was being carried out to calculate resource allocation based upon a sessional basis ie to take account of differences between patients requiring high or low levels of input. DH reported on a recent meeting between PHC and Haslar, stating that agreement had been reached whereby all referrals would be forwarded to GWMH, where they would then be counted against individual practices and those patients most suitable for being seen in Haslar would be offered appointments there.

### **3.3 Practice-based physiotherapists**

HJ reported that two practices currently had practice-based physiotherapists and the number of hours allocated to this service exceeded their notional allocation. It was agreed that PHC would discuss the position with each practice and either withdraw or reduce the current level.

## **5 AOB**

None.

## **6 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 21 January 1998 at 12.30 pm in the **Seminar Room at Gosport Health Centre.**