

PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTH EAST HAMPSHIRE HEALTH AUTHORITY

Fareham GP Locality Commissioning

Notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11 March 1998 at the Potteries

Present:	Gordon Sommerville	GS	Sam Heal	SH
	Nic Allen	NA	Noel Hopkins	NH
	Tim Tayler	TT	John Kirtley	JK
	Eric Webster	EW	Mike Sadler	MS
	Tim Douglas	TD	Hugh Janes	HJ
	Grant du Feu	GdF		

In attendance: Jane Barton (JB) and Mathew Davies (MD) from Gosport
Liz Ross (LR) and Bill Hooper (BH) from Portsmouth HealthCare

No	Discussion	Action
1	Apologies for Absence Peter Evans	
2	Notes of the previous meeting (Wednesday 11 February) These were agreed.	
3	Matters arising from previous meeting	
	3.1 Community Midwifery services HJ reported that an invite had been received from the midwifery department seeking the involvement of GPs in the interview process. It was agreed that a representative from the A.H. Mowbray practice would attend and their attendance would be reimbursed from the pilot money at the current reimbursement rate for attending meetings.	TT/HJ
	3.2 MSU pilot project With the exception of the Biddle practice, the pilot was now underway in all practices. HJ agreed to supply the Biddle practice with the necessary forms and sticks. MS also explained that the pilot forms should not be sent to the laboratories.	HJ
4	Primary Care Teams (District Nurses, Practice Nurses and Health Visitors) LR outlined the role of district nurses acting as team leaders, explaining many of the benefits including; closer integration with practice nurses, health visitors and other district nurses, common standards and protocols and their general ability to create a team approach. MD explained that their experience of the scheme had been very positive and, in addition to the benefits listed above, they had also unearthed a number of training and development issues within the practice nurse teams.	

LR explained Portsmouth HealthCare Trust's plan to expand this scheme and that this would allow a number of additional practices within Fareham to participate. There was general interest amongst those present and it was suggested that further resources would allow the scheme to be extended to all practices within the Fareham pilot. LR explained that this would require funding for an additional half time equivalent and that at this stage no additional money was available.

5 Computer links to the NHSnet and beyond

HJ updated the group on progress in this area, explaining that each practice would shortly be receiving a stand alone PC which would be connected to the NHSnet via the installation of a new phone line. Practices would be fully reimbursed in accordance with a recent letter from HJ.

It was agreed that in Paul Warners's absence and as there remained a number of unanswered technical questions, HJ would invite Paul to the next steering group meeting.

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6 Planned meeting to discuss the implications of the White Paper

HJ gave details of the forthcoming meeting to discuss the implications of the White Paper. It would be held at the United Reformed Church on 1 April at 7.30 and PGEA had been applied for.

7 Update on prescribing

HJ circulated the most recent figures on prescribing, noting that they appeared to show a slight reduction. However this reduction would need to be repeated in future months if this were to be the start of a downward trend in prescribing costs. MS added that guidance on statins were due to be released shortly and they may be of some help to the group.

MS

8 Update on specialty issues

NH circulated guidance on the introduction of a rapid access service for patients with suspected rheumatoid arthritis, explaining that this new service would start from 1 April 1998 and would be evaluated six months later.

NA reported on a recent meeting with the Royal Hospital Haslar, explaining that the Fareham pilot group should shortly have direct access to Haslar's MRI facility and that an evening was being planned at which Haslar would outline the type of service that would be available.

NA/HJ

GS reported progress, as outlined earlier, on the IT project.

TT reported on discussions with a private provider of a mobile ultrasound service, explaining that this service could undercut Portsmouth Hospitals Trust (PHT) by approximately 20% and that this information should prove useful in future discussions with PHT.

9 Any other business

HJ reported back from a recent Practice Managers' meeting their wish to be involved in any decision making processes that may impact on the general management of practices. It was agreed that at this stage representation on the steering group was not required, but that HJ should feedback to them at their regular meetings and they would also receive copies of the notes of these meetings.

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NA requested a list on one-stop clinics and HJ agreed to look into this.

10 Date and venue of next meeting

Wednesday 15 April 1998 at 7.30 pm in the Potteries
(changed from 22 April)