

File Note re GWMH Inquests – 17/6/2008

Had discussion with Lesley Humphreys and asked her why Hampshire PCT were asking for a meeting re the GWMH Inquests. She explained that at the time of the incidents, GWMH and MOPS were managed by Portsmouth HealthCare NHS Trust. Hampshire PCT is the closest organisation to the inheritor organisation now.

Lesley wants to come to the Hampshire PCT meeting on 7 July as well. We agreed that Jacquie Haines should also attend. Beachcrofts are attending as they act for Hampshire PCT.

Jacquie suggests that she may need to bring someone else from Mills & Reeve if we want someone who can advise about which organisation is legally responsible for this issue, although Lesley feels that if the doctors and nurses giving evidence are MOPS staff, she wants PHT to handle it as she has great confidence in the Legal Dept and the processes in place for support etc. However, regardless of Lesley's views, if PHT is not legally responsible, then I presume that the Trust will not want to take it on, bearing in mind particularly the cost of the whole exercise.

The other issue related to this is the GMC hearing taking place in the Autumn. The doctor involved is Dr Jane Barton who was a GP working at GWMH as a Clinical Assistant at the time and was employed by Portsmouth HealthCare NHS Trust. Our nurses will be giving evidence at this hearing.

As far as the Inquests are concerned, the situation is currently that there are two meetings due to take place now:-

1. Internal PHT meeting called by Lesley Humphrey.

Probably to be held on 1st July.

Attendees:-

Lesley Humphrey, DGM, DMOPS
Sue Skye, legal Services Manager
Elaine Williams, Legal Services Manager, Hampshire PCT
Maggie Maclsaac, Director of Strategy & Partnerships
Pat Forsyth, Communications Manager
Patricia Radway, Head of Governance
Jacquie Haines, Mills & Reeve

2. "Meeting to discuss the way forward" called by Richard Samuel, Director of Corporate Affairs, Hampshire PCT

7 July 12.30 pm to 2 pm – Omega House, Eastleigh

Attendees:-

Richard Samuel.

Ben Smith, Risk Manager, Portsmouth City PCT

Sukie Long, Portsmouth PCT - I have spoken to Sukie Long today to ask why she and Ben are involved. She doesn't know why and is waiting for a call back from Hampshire PCT. Likely that they won't be attending

Sue Skye

Sheena King - possibly

Patricia Radway

Lesley Humphrey

Jacque Haines and possibly one of her colleagues

Betty Woodland, PCT Trainer, (she has been heavily involved in supporting the nursing staff)

Catherine Watson, Hampshire Partnership PCT (not sure why Hampshire Partnership involved as yet)

Beachcroft Solicitors (representing Hants PCT we believe)

Finally, the Coroner has confirmed today that Mr Bradley, the special Assistant Deputy Coroner appointed to deal with these Inquests, plans to hold a pre-Inquest review meeting in August for all the interested parties to sort out issues like timing, identification of witnesses etc.

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