

MINUTE of MEETING of the ST JOHN'S HOSPITAL STAKEHOLDER GROUP of WEST Lothian COUNCIL held within BOARD ROOM 1, ST JOHN'S HOSPITAL, LIVINGSTON, on 15 FEBRUARY 2017.

Present

Councillor Anne McMillan, Appointed Representative (Chair)  
Councillor Dave King, Appointed Representative  
Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick (substituting for Councillor John McGinty)  
Martin Hill, Non-Executive member, NHS Lothian  
Alex Joyce, Non-Executive members, NH Lothian  
Jacquie Campbell, Interim Chief Officer, Acute, NHS Lothian (by video link)  
Fiona Mitchell, Director of Women's and Children's Services, NHS Lothian  
Anne Smith, Site General Manager, NHS Lothian  
Aris Tyrothoulakis, St John's Hospital Interim Site Director  
Maureen Anderson, Patient Representative  
Jim Forrest, Depute Chief Executive, Health and Social Care Partnership  
Agnes Ritchie, Associate Nurse Director, NHS Lothian

Apologies

Councillor John McGinty, Appointed Representative  
Caroline McDowall, Partnership Lead St John's Hospital

In Attendance

Val Johnston, Committee Officer, West Lothian Council

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda Item 6 – Paediatric Services/Paediatric Outpatient Clinic Waiting Times – Martin Hill declared an interest due to him being a member of the Paediatric Programme Board

2. MINUTE

The group confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 18 January 2017 as a correct record.

3. PAEDIATRIC SERVICES/PAEDIATRIC OUTPATIENT CLINIC WAITING TIMES

The Stakeholder Group noted the update provided by Fiona Mitchell, Director of Women's and Children's Services on the current position within paediatric services at St John's Hospital.

The group heard that as at the end of January 2017 the number of children waiting 12 weeks or more was 9.

Additionally 3 new paediatric consultants had taken up post with the remainder due to start in March 2017. There were also two consultant posts remaining unfilled but an advert for these had been placed in the appropriate journals and the closing date was Sunday 19 February 2017.

Management remained confident that there would be a good response to these adverts.

In relation to a question asked on the rota now being more stable as a result of the new consultant taking up post, Fiona responded that the rota could not be considered fully stable until all vacant posts had been filled. However the rota had remained satisfactorily covered for the whole of January, February and March. A few gaps remained in the April rota but with regular meetings taking place it was hoped that this would be an improving picture.

In relation to a further question from the group in terms of outpatients waiting times improving as a result of the new consultants coming online, Fiona responded by stating that NHS Lothian fully expected to see an rapid improvement in waiting times as a result of further consultants coming into post.

The group thanked Fiona for the update.

#### Decision

To note the update provided by Fiona Mitchell Director of Women and Children's Services, NHS Lothian.

#### 4. ST JOHN'S HOSPITAL QUALITY DASHBOARD

The group considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Agnes Ritchie, Associate Nurse Director providing details of a number quality measures as at the end of January 2017.

The group were advised that the quality measures were split into three categories; these being Person Centred, Safe and Effective. The report then provided a series of charts and graphs demonstrating a range of outcomes. It was to be noted with regards to Person Centred outcome the measure on "Tell us Ten Things" was on hold for the moment due to the "getting to know you" documentation.

Agnes amplified a number of statistics in the report including advising the group that the number of falls had increased because the hospital was dealing with more frail elderly patients and that she was actively working with the Fall Co-ordinator on this. The group were also advised that St John's Hospital remained a high performer in unscheduled care.

Ms Ritchie then responded to questions from members of the group.

#### Decision

To note the contents of the report

#### 5. WORKPLAN

The group considered the contents of the workplan (copies of which had

been circulated)

The Clerk then advised the group that there were a number of items on the workplan that required further clarity from the group on what information was required simply due to the passage of time and some NHS Lothian staff having moved onto other roles within the organisation.

A question was also raised with regards to future meetings of the group on the lead-up to the local government election in May 2017.

The Clerk confirmed that both matters would be investigated and reported back to the group in due course.

The Chair then confirmed that for the next meeting of the group, subject to it going ahead, that the agenda would consist of the following items of business :-

- Paediatric Services update
- Diabetes update
- Reduction of pressure ulcers; and
- Hospital weekend working (but this was to be subject of confirmation of what exactly was required by the group)

#### Decision

- 1) To note the contents of the workplan;
- 2) To request that the Clerk clarify with members of the group what further information was required in relation to some of the workplan items of business; and
- 3) To request that the Clerk confirm if meetings of the group would proceed on the lead-up to the local government elections in May 2017.

#### 6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The group noted the date of the next meeting scheduled to be held on 15 March 2017.