

# **North Somerset Patients Forum PPIF**

Minutes taken at the Public Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006 6.30-7.30pm

Held At: St Peter's Church (St Judes Hall) Baytree Road, Milton, Weston Super Mare BS22 8HG

**Members Present:** Ann Gawthorpe, Robert lees, Caroline Andrews, Andrew Rogers, Bernard Grimsey, Cllr.Jane Bollen

**In Attendance:** Maria Reeve (HAP), Jack Hunter (Mercury) Cllr.Roz Willis, David McKinley

**PCT:** Mary Adams, Mary van Vliet

## **1 Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair greeted all and gave apologies from Sharon Roberts, Janet Blannin, Chris Creswick, Debi Kinghorn.

## **2 Declarations of Interests**

Caroline Andrews is employed by the Audit Commission

## **3 Minutes of last Meetings**

- a) **Private Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> January 2006** were agreed
- b) **Public Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> January 2006** were agreed

## **4 Matters Arising**

With reference to the concerns raised around the mental health budget and the question raised by Penny Hayes, Mary Adams reported that she had contacted Penny and fed back that there is a PCT budget for mental health services and she explained that it had been used for that purpose.

## **5 Matters for information**

The Chair gave a brief resume of the former, private meeting. The PCT would eventually receive a copy of the report concerning the sexual health clinic.

With reference to the GP's survey Mary Adams reported that she was conducting a very similar survey. It was agreed that Ann will liaise with Mary over this to avoid duplicating resources.

The Forum had been asked to comment on a draft leaflet concerned with Out of Hours Services from Karen Butler. There were no specific comments to forward.

With reference to Reconfiguration the forum had unanimously agreed to vote for one SHA.

Ann Gawthorpe mentioned meetings attended with the OSC. She felt that greater clarity was needed to improve joint working.

## **6 Election of Vice Chair**

Ann Gawthorpe proposed that Caroline Andrews be elected as Vice Chair. This was seconded by Jane Bollen. All members agreed.

## **7 Healthcare Commission-Core Standards**

Ann fed back the forum's discussions around the core standards. It was agreed that as part of C18 was concerned with dental issues it should be revisited after Ann Vliet had made her presentation. It was also agreed that the wording to C6 would be amended by Ann after assessing the current situation on Long Fox Unit.

## **8 Dental Services**

Ann Van Vliet spoke about the NHS dental services in North Somerset. There were likely to be 34 NHS dental contracts in the area from 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Many dentists have expanding practices; many are willing to take on more NHS work. There was less certainly around practices in Portishead. Caroline Andrews asked about needs analysis and service gaps. Ann Van Vliet spoke of the dental strategy and how that outlines population need. Some members of the public do want private treatment.

Difficulties around dentists planning permission was discussed, it is different to when GP's expand. It was confirmed that less than half the population are registered with an NHS dentist.

After discussion and with reference to Core Standard 18 it was agreed to make a slight amendment on the wording to "The PCT **may not** meet their targets for the provision of NHS dentists"

## **9 Any other Business**

Ann confirmed that she will forward the Healthcare Check to the PCT

## **10 Next Meeting**

9<sup>th</sup> May 2006