

**MINUTES FROM MEETING IN PUBLIC OF THE SOMERSET
PARTNERSHIP PPI FORUM**

*Held on Thursday 10th May 2007 at the United Reformed Church,
Paul Street, Taunton*

**WELCOME TO ALL THOSE PRESENT AND NOTING APOLOGIES
FOR ABSENCE**

Eileen Tipper (Chair), Eileen Moschke, Michael Beaton.

In Attendance

Rosemary Hasler, Annie Barnard

CPPIH

Lizzie Nancekivell

Somerset Partnership NHS and Social Care Trust

Linda Nash, Chair

Diana Rowe, Deputy Chief Executive

Apologies

Edward Colgan

Wendy Gardner

Members of the Public

Phil Sealey, Bridgwater Senior Citizens Forum

The Chair welcomed all present. Annie reported that the Forum has a new member, Edward Jones.

Reports Circulated

Mental Health Reference Group Meeting Report 20th April 2007

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Eileen Tipper is a trustee of Somerset Impact.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 29th MARCH 2007

AGREED as a true record

*Corrections: Page 1 Update from Somerset Partnership – Bill Gould
should read Bill Guild. Page 3 Update from HAP – LINKs to commence
1st April 2007 should read 1st April 2008*

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

**PRESENTATION FROM SOMERSET PARTNERSHIP NHS & SOCIAL
CARE TRUST ON APPLICATION FOR FOUNDATION STATUS**

Linda Nash: All Trusts must become foundation by 2009. The partnership is in a good position and has been given permission by the Strategic Health Authority to proceed. The Trust expect to become a FT in January 2008. The Trust must consult on the constitution of the FT and how being a FT would improve services for carers, users and staff. Becoming a Foundation Trust will give the Partnership new powers and financial freedom. FT will be run on cooperative lines. The people running the

Trust will be accountable to the local community. The Trust will have a Board and a Members Council. The council will be made up of users, carers, staff and representatives from the District Councils, County Council, PCT, Mental Health Voluntary Organisations and statutory organizations. The proposed number on the council will be 33. We would encourage as many people as possible to join the FT.

The Members Council will be entrusted with appointing the Board of Non Executives and the Chair of the Trust. The Members Council will agree the strategic direction of the NHS Foundation Trust.

The Trust at present has a 3 year legally binding contract with its commissioners. Under foundation status the Trust will need to be very clear on what the Trust gets in its contracts. The Trust will be able to charge for its services as well as commission services. The Trust under FT will be able to keep the proceeds if a building is sold and reinvest. At present monies from dispersion of estates goes back to the NHS. The Trust's new estates policy will not be implemented until after FS.

The following questions and comments were made:

Eileen Moschke: Will Day Services be affected? In the Mendip area we have been told the Day Services contract is out for tender.

Linda Nash: Day Services will not be affected. The Trust will ask Sue Flynn to come and talk to the SUN Group in Mendip.

Diana Rowe: We have contracts with voluntary organizations to provide these services.

Eileen Tipper: There was a greater level of anxiety in the Mendip area when the Forum did the Day Services Project.

Diana Rowe: The Trust spends more in Mendip than any other part of the county on Day Services. Day Services are being reviewed at present.

Michael Beaton: Is this document available to the public?

Linda Nash: Yes it is, we also have a summary (A5) booklet.

Michael Beaton: There are no overall costs on what this is all going to cost in the document?

Linda Nash: We are working on these and will be audited by Monitor. This process is called due diligence.

Rosemary Hasler; Can you carry over any surpluses at the end of your 3 year plan?

Linda Nash: Yes

Phil Sealey: The Trust 'go outside the county?' What do you mean by that?

Linda Nash: At present we do boarder work i.e. we work with the GP Practice in Hemyock. If we offer a high quality service we will be able to offer it to Trusts outside of Somerset.

Eileen Tipper: Do you think you need to change the name of the Trust? The question seems superficial especially to CAHMS clients

Linda Nash: We welcome views and suggestions on the name.

Phil Sealey: I would like to make sure older people are listened to and have a voice. What kind of mechanism can you build to make sure this

happens?

Linda Nash: The council will meet 4 times a year, carers and users will have a voice through the council. We are proposing the members council will have an annual work programme. The members council will go through training and induction programmes.

Eillean Tipper: Who will performance manage the directors?

Linda Nash: At present I performance manage the non executive directors. Sir Michael Pitt, Chair of NHS SouthWest performance manages Linda in her role as Chair.

Eillean Tipper: Will the council of members have the power to express an opinion and take it further?

Linda Nash: No, they are a strategic committee.

Linda Nash: There is also the HealthCare Commission and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Eillean Tipper: Will the Board Meetings be in public?

Linda Nash: I believe one will. The members council meetings will be in public.

The Chair thanked Linda Nash and Diana Rowe for presentation.

UPDATE FROM SOMERSET PARTNERSHIP NHS & SOCIAL CARE TRUST

Diana Rowe reported that the Trust has achieved financial balance and is now very focused on the FT process.

Out Of Hours Services are to be reviewed by an external consultant in June. A draft report should be ready in September. Rosemary Hasler: The Somerset PPI Forum is looking at Urgent OOHs through a patient survey and could incorporate a question from Somerset Partnership.

Diana Rowe welcomed this suggestion.

Lizzie Nancekivell: Do the Partnership have any links with NHS Direct?

Diana Rowe: Yes it does.

The Chair thanked Diana Rowe for this update.

AGREEMENT OF ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 2006 – 2007

Members agreed and the Chair the Forum's Annual Report and Accounts

Proposed: Michael Beaton

Seconded: Eileen Moschke

AGREEMENT OF FORUM'S WORK PLAN JUNE 2007 – MARCH 2008

Members of the Forum agreed the Work Plan as detailed in the Forum's Annual Report.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

1) Meetings attended by members

Eileen reported that Keith Fox is to attend the next SUN group in Mendip.

Eillean reported that the last West Huntspill SUN group was cancelled.

2) Information from HAP

Rosemary and Annie met with Edward Colgan and Diana Rowe at Somerset Partnership last month in line with their role as the Forum's

Advisors.

The FSO believe the legislation on LINKs is likely to go through in July.

3)Correspondence

There was no correspondence

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MEMBERS CONCERNS

- Eileen reported that the West Mendip Community Hospital wasn't listed on the Patients Opinion Website. Rosemary advised Eileen to request its inclusion on the website.
- Supported Employment – Michael asked for information about how this scheme is working
- Michael Beaton to attend the next Trust Board meeting – 22nd May 2007
- The next Somerset PPI Forum meeting is Thursday 17th May at Wells Town Hall. Eileen to send her apologies.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday 26th July 2007

2.00pm – 4.30pm

The Airfield Tavern, Yeovil

Thursday 27th September 2007

2.00pm -4.30pm

Bridgwater Town Hall, Bridgwater

Thursday 22 November 2007

2.00pm – 4.30pm

Wells Museum, Wells

ACTION POINTS

- 1.Joint Carers Project with AWP PPI Forum ET/AB/RH
- 2.Background information on the Support Employment Scheme AB/RH
3. Day Services background information on services. AB/RH

Next Meeting

Thursday 26th July 2007

2.00pm – 4.30pm

The Airfield Tavern, Alvington Lane, Brympton, Yeovil, BA 22 8UX