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

*Held on Thursday 29th March 2007 at Bridgwater Arts Centre,
Bridgwater*

**WELCOME OF THOSE PRESENT AND NOTING APOLOGIES FOR
ABSENCE**

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

In Attendance

Rosemary Hasler, Annie Barnard

Somerset Partnership NHS and Social Care Trust

Bill Guild, Acting Director Older Peoples Service and Somerset Drugs
Service

Apologies

Edward Colgan, Linda Nash, Diana Rowe
Somerset Partnership NHS and Social Care Trust

Papers circulated

Forum Mental Health Conference
The Chair welcomed all present.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Eileen Tipper is a trustee of Somerset Impact.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 18TH JANUARY 2007

AGREED as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public

**UPDATE FROM SOMERSET PARTNERSHIP NHS AND SOCIAL
CARE TRUST**

Bill Gould gave the members an update on Cranleigh House and Older Peoples Services. Services were looked at in association with Somerset County Council and the Care Home Providers Association. These organisations meet on a regular basis. The focus is on providing home based services.

The temporary closure of Cranleigh House resulted in 17 admissions (last 5 months) to Pyrland House, Taunton and 11 admissions to St Andrews, Wells. The average stay is 6-8 weeks.

The commissioning strategy includes special residential care beds and EMI beds. There are 270 beds around the county. The trust employs 4 specialist residential care nurses based in the old PCT areas.

Somerset County Council block purchase beds from specialist providers.
ACTION: AB/RH to request the providers list from SCC.

The next stage for the trust is to look at the EMI nursing home beds. New provision is coming on stream i.e. new build at Chelston, Wellington. Clients who have been under the care of Somerset Partnership will still have a care management package from the Partnership. The care coordinators review nursing bands annually. The partnership works very closely with the homes.

The following questions were asked:

Q. What proportion of dementias are referred to the partnership?

BG: We have a set of guidelines for GPs, they are not as user friendly as they could be. We are in the process of revising them and are in talks with Anne Anderson at the PCT. We will pilot the guidelines with a couple of GPs.

Q. When will the temporary closure of Cranleigh be reviewed?

BG: In 6 months. It is a temporary closure at present but if the trust want to close it permanently the trust will carry out a public consultation.

Q. We have read reports of a spouse been taken into care and the other person couldn't cope and committed suicide. Is there any provision for couples?

BG: I would have to ask Somerset Social Services. However, care homes at present can only admit the type of person for which they are licensed. This means that if they admit a person with a dementia and the spouse didn't the home wouldn't be able to take the person without the dementia.

Elsewhere in the country there are SMART houses for the demented and their carers.

Q. What happened to the patients at Cranleigh House at the time of the closure?

BG: Two went to Taunton and one went to St Andrews.

Q. How will you monitor the impact on the families?

BG: The partnership offered support with travel costs to the families.

Q. Are the numbers going up of those going into care?

BG: We are seeing more anxiety and depression. We assess people at home and treat people at home.

Q. What risk assessments were carried out at Cranleigh?

BG: We were aware we could cope with the people at other units in the county.

Q. What consultation was carried out with staff? At Bracken House, Chard consultation was carried out with the staff and the Forum.

BG: Staff were informed of the temporary closure. The temporary closure was discussed with the consultants before the closure.

Q. It has been reported to the Forum that some patients are sleeping on camp beds.

BG: Demand for acute beds runs at over 100%. I can't comment on this. Anecdotally today there are 17 empty beds in Rydon House.

Q. The Out of Hours Service – We have had reports of service users phoning the Samaritans as they have been unable to speak to staff as

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they are too busy. Can agency staff look at RIO?

BG: yes

Q. Do you have any information on Alternative 2 Admissions (A2A)?

BG: No

ACTION: AB/RH to contact Liz Symons at MIND

Foundation Status

The trust has been approved to move forward on foundation status. Public consultation will run from May – July. The trust will hold arrange of public meetings for staff and the public.

Eillean Tipper: The Forum would like to be kept in the loop of any changes prior to consultation. The trust is very good at the spirit of consultation and we welcome informal discussions.

The Chair thanked Bill for this very useful update on the partnership.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

1. Carers Development Day Conference - Eillean Tipper

Eillean reported that there were presentations on the following:

Supporting working carers

The kind of support carers want from carer development workers

Developing recognized qualifications for carer development workers.

How do you know you are a carer?

2. Forum Mental Health Conference – Eillean Tipper

The report on the conference was circulated to the members at the meeting.

3. OSC Meeting – Eillean Tipper

Eillean did not attend. **ACTON:** AB to circulate Taunton member David Rees report of the meeting.

4. Chairs Conference – Michael Beaton

Michael attended on behalf of the Forum. The Forum are now in clusters and the LINKs will mimic the clusters. Michael reported that the OHPs (overhead projections) were impossible to read from the back of the room. HAP to circulate the slides Nick Westbrook reminded members that staff are employed by the FSO and not the Forums. There was a long discussion on expenses.

5. Correspondence

The members were asked to note the following correspondence:

Letter from Ian Tipney, Somerset Primary Care Trust

Letter from Edward Colgan on Carers

ACTION: Circulate copies of both letters to all members.

6. Trust Board Meeting – Eillean Tipper

Eillean to circulate report.

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WORK PLAN

- **Annual Healthcheck**

Members agreed their comment.

ACTION: RH to send to the trust.

- **Carers Project**

Eileen reported that a joint project meeting was held 7th March. A detailed response on carers issues has been received from the partnership. The deadline for the project is May and comparative report will be written on services for carers in Somerset and the AWP area. The next meeting is?

UPDATE FROM HAP

Forums to carry on until 31st March 2007 and LINKs to commence 1st April 2007.

The Somerset Access Inclusion Network (SAIN) is holding an information fair and diversity day on Friday 27th April at Taunton Racecourse.

Rosemary and Annie will be manning a Forum stand. All members are invited to attend.

Annie advised members that their Annual Report will need to be agreed and signed off at their next meeting in public. Members agreed to hold a project meeting on Thursday 3rd May to write their Annual Report.

MEMBERS CONCERNS

There were no members concerns.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 10th May 2007

2.00pm - 4.30pm

Venue: Taunton

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