

**MINUTES FROM MEETING IN PUBLIC OF THE TAUNTON  
DEANE & SOMERSET PPI FORUMS JOINT COMMITTEE**  
*Held Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2006 at the United Reformed Church,  
Taunton*

**Present:** Glyn Meredith, Diana Morris, John Thorne, Barbara Weston, David Rees

**Apologies:** Di Tilley, David Homer

**Resignations:** Nicola Ulrico

**In Attendance:** Annie Barnard, Ann Tweedale

**Taunton and Somerset NHS Trust:** Mark Wall

**Taunton Deane PCT:** Alan Hopper  
Penny Guppy  
Sarah Ellison

**Members' Declarations of Interests:** None

Glyn Meredith, Chair welcomed all present.  
GM expressed the Forum's gratitude to Brian Tanner, Chair of Taunton and Somerset NHS Trust and wished him a happy retirement.

**Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present.

**Taunton Deane PCT update:**

Alan Hopper, Chair Taunton Deane PCT reported that the PCT is to be wound up by the end of September. The new county wide PCT will be in place by October 1<sup>st</sup>. No announcement yet on where the new Somerset PCT will be based.

At the last meeting in public JT asked the PCT how many dental practises and dentists who have signed up to the new dental contract. Penny Guppy: 15 of the 17 practices have signed the new dental contract. ACTION: Penny Guppy to feed back to JT on the number of dentists.

Wellington Medical Centre business plan – no decisions will be made on relocating the practice until the new PCT is in place.

Compact Somerset – Somerset's voluntary and community sector and public sector working together as partners. Penny Guppy reported that the Somerset Compact has now been launched across the county. The 'compact' aims to improve the relationship between the voluntary and community sector and public bodies.

Healthcare Commission Diabetes Survey – Penny Guppy reported that the HCC survey is part of a national survey. The survey is to go live August/September.

Diabetic Retinal Service is to run from Wellington Hospital.  
Dene Barton Community Unit – BW asked if it was possible for a pedestrian route from the bus stop in Cotford St Luke through the Somerset Partnership grounds to the unit. Sarah Ellison advised that there is a pavement from the bus stop to the community unit The unit is also signposted with 2 notices.

### **Taunton and Somerset update – Mark Wall**

Mark Wall reported that the multi deck car park should be open by early October. There will be 750 spaces for staff and visitors.

The new Chair of the trust is Ros Wyke.

Liz Redfern, Director of Nursing has been appointed as director of Nursing at the South West Health Authority.

The Cancer build contract is signed by the trust next week.

Childrens Services at the trust are in the top 20% of units in the country.

ITV have made 6 programmes on the A & E Department at the trust. The first programme is this Thursday at 11.00pm.

### **Minutes of the last meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2006**

**AGREED and signed by the Chair.**

### **Matters Arising**

Query on number of dentists who have not signed up to the new dental contract. ACTION: Penny Guppy to report back to the Forum.

### **Matters for Report**

- a) Somerset Forums Diabetes Survey – Barbara Weston reported that 73 surveys were carried out in South Somerset. The working group are to carry out the survey in Somerset Coast, Mendip and the Taunton Deane areas over the next few weeks. The Diabetes working group plan to present their findings to the new Somerset PCT in the autumn.
- b) Holcombe Rogus Branch Surgery closure – Penny Guppy reported that there have been no adverse comments from patients on the decision to close the branch surgery.
- c) PPI Review Meeting – Southampton. No members of the Forum attended.
- d) LINKS – PPI Forums to be abolished and replaced by LINKS. Department of Health have asked Forum members to comment on the LINKS document by the 7<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Members Concerns**

None

The Chair thanked all for attending and participating in the meeting.

### **Date of next meeting in public:**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

**11.30am -1.00pm**

**The United Reformed Church, Fore Street, Wellington**