

**Academic Health Science Centre Programme  
STAKEHOLDER GROUP**

27 June 2007

Clarence Wing Boardroom, St Mary's Hospital

**Present:**

**Chair:** Julian Nettel (JN), Chief Executive, SMH  
Joanne Anderson (JA), St Mary's PPIF  
Paul Herbage (PH), Director, The Charitable Fund for Charing Cross, Hammersmith  
& Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea Hospitals  
Chander Hingorani (CH), St Mary's PPIF  
Jane Miles (JM), Chief Executive, St Mary's Paddington Charitable Trust  
Maria Murray (MM), Communications Manager, SMH  
Don Neame (DN), Programme Communications Lead  
Peter Tobias (PT), Chair, Health & Adult Social Care Committee, H & F OSC  
Jeff Zitron (JZ), Hammersmith Hospital PPIF

**1. Apologies:**

Christopher Buckmaster, (CB) Chair, Kensington and Chelsea Health OSC  
Brigitta Lock (BL), Chair, Westminster PCT PPIF  
Nick Samuels (NS), Director of Communications, HHNT  
Derek Smith (DS), Chief Executive, HHNT  
Stephen Smith (SS), Principal, Faculty of Medicine, Imperial College  
Abu Sufian (AS), Partnership Development Officer, Voluntary Action Westminster  
Amjad Taha (AT), Manager, Black and Minority Ethnic Health Forum  
Barrie Taylor (BT), Chair, Health & Social Care Scrutiny Task Force, Westminster OSC

**2. Notes of meeting 14 May 2007**

Agreed.

**3. Matters arising**

DN reported that the BME and voluntary sector meetings had been arranged and completed and that he had invited Brent OSC to the stakeholder group meeting.

**4. Consultation update**

**Meetings:**

DN reported that the 2 public meetings, the joint OSC meeting, staff meetings, BME and voluntary sector meetings had all been very useful and positive, with varying attendance levels.

PT asked how the AHSC was engaging staff in local councils. DN said copies of leaflets had been sent to CEs. PT asked for a letter of comfort to go out to heads of community services. **Action: DN to send letter.**

JZ asked if there was any evidence that PCTs were geared up for more work being done closer to people's homes and in the community. JN said that the trusts were already working closely with PCTs (e.g. diabetes clinic in Maida Vale)

and to ensure a safe and efficient way of transferring other services into the community, that the trust CEs sat on Joint Steering Committee and so it wouldn't come as a shock, and that Sir Ara Darzi's report was likely to recommend this way forward so that PCTs and trusts would have to work together to resolve the issue one way or another.

JA said this was an issue for many people – JZ was concerned for people who wanted to go to hospital and not be treated in the community. **Action: MM and DN to gather examples (specifically diabetes) and make available.**

Other concerns: that consultants won't come into the community; that there will be ivory towers for academics and the best consultants (i.e. will patients ever see the top person); that the AHSC doesn't focus enough on the best quality of care for patients and whether Sir Ara's report will cloud the issue

### **Summary of responses**

DN reported continued positive responses. JM and PH reported that the trustees of both charitable trusts would be supporting the proposal in principle (with concerns over governance, integration and management). Would like more reference to the charitable trusts and the importance of a strong independent trust. The trustee boards have resolved to merge as quickly as possible after merger of the trusts.

### **Name of organisation**

Stakeholders expressed concern over the long name. DN explained that due to those concerns the proposal to NHS Branding had been shortened. The name has now been agreed as 'Imperial College Healthcare NHS London'. The descriptor 'incorporating Hammersmith Hospitals and St Marys' will also be used where appropriate. DN stressed the fact that the trust will continue to promote the strong hospital brands (e.g. Charing Cross, Queen Charlotte's, Western Eye) and that will be a challenge for the trust.

### **Meeting with Lord Hunt**

The presentation to Lord Hunt was included in the papers for the meeting. Lord Hunt was complementary about the AHSC programme.

### **5. Business planning**

DN drew attention to the two circulated papers – the potential scope for due and careful enquiry and the business planning update for stakeholders. DN reported that he was trying to establish a suitable time for distributing to stakeholders, when it was in a fit state for circulation, but at a time when comments could be genuinely considered. Best estimate for circulation is when it goes to HHNT board around the 16 July.

JZ asked if the results of the Grant Thornton study would be made available. JN assumed they would be. **Action: DN to check**

### **6. Feedback from stakeholders**

Covered elsewhere in the agenda

### **7. Date of next meeting**

2 August at 3pm. Clarence Wing Boardroom, St Mary's Hospital