

**Academic Health Science Centre Programme
STAKEHOLDER GROUP**

2 August 2007

Clarence Wing Boardroom, St Mary's Hospital

Present:

Chair: Julian Nettel (JN), Chief Executive, SMH
Joanne Anderson (JA), St Mary's PPIF
Christopher Buckmaster, (CB) Chair, Kensington and Chelsea Health OSC
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
Amjad Taha (AT), Manager, Black and Minority Ethnic Health Forum
Jeff Zitron (JZ), Hammersmith Hospital PPIF

1. Apologies:

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
Barrie Taylor (BT), Chair, Health & Social Care Scrutiny Task Force, Westminster OSC
Peter Tobias (PT), Chair, Health & Adult Social Care Committee, H & F OSC

2. Notes of meeting 14 May 2007

Agreed. Two typos amended by PH

3. Matters arising

DN reported that he had sent a letter to council Heads of Community Services as requested and that he understood the Grant Thornton study would be made available.

MM reported that she had circulated information on diabetes to relevant people to ask for comments before turning it into a case study.

4. Consultation update

Charitable trustees:

PH reported that a new trustee body would be created on 1 Oct and the two boards were seeking permission to carry on in a transitional status with the current 11 people until 1 April when, much like the Trust, a new board would be appointed.

Summary by the Chair

- JN reported that Ben Bradshaw MP would be assessing the application for dissolution and a new trust and that the legal papers would be laid before Parliament in mid Sept.

- Transition executive directors will be appointed soon to manage the trust until 1 April.
- A shadow Board will be created including a new Chair, two non-execs from each current board and a non-exec from Imperial
- Headhunters have been appointed to search for a CE/Principal, although an appointment will not be made until SoS approval.
- The Chair and shadow Board will then appoint a permanent team.
- Up until April 2008 hospital structures are likely to stay fairly much the same.
- Existing SLAs will continue until April 2008 during which time new business planning will occur with the aim to agree a new SLA by 1 April.
- It will take until April 2009 to show to Monitor that the trust can operate successfully and another 6-9 months to prepare an FT application.
- We cannot assume that we will meet Monitor requirements in first year. There will be challenges – especially around finance.

Action: DN to find out who was on headhunter list and who has been selected. The programme office has confirmed that 'Odgers' are the selected headhunters.

DN reported that the consultation had closed. Approx 75% supported the principle with 12 % against and 13% not sure. A report was going to the SHA Board on 8 August with all analysis and comments for them to consider before they send to SoS. A decision is expected mid Sept.

The group discussed Prof Lord Darzi's report. Stakeholders felt that the sentiment of 'care closer to people's homes' was fine in principle, but did this mean that councils would have to do more and would they get funding and power to do this? Polyclinics were welcomed, but need to be balanced with local availability. Should PCTs and councils not become one? Is there a knock on that will mean the AHSC is not approved – members felt not as Darzi supports AHSCs.

5. Business planning

Andrew Holden, Director of Finance at St Marys presented the business plan. (Presentation attached). Stakeholders welcomed the presentation and asked:

- Will 'local' patients benefit. AH – Yes
- The savings are small (£1.8m). AH – agreed, tho it has to be understood that £33m is already the target for the trusts and this was not a merger driven by the need to find savings. JZ said it would need careful comms to explain the paucity of corporate savings when services were reconfigured and seen as cut backs.
- Are IC showing a surplus or deficit? IC accounts are not included – that would be at FT application time.
- AT said it was good to see an equality impact assessment included

6. Feedback from stakeholders

Covered elsewhere in the agenda

7. AOB

- JN reported that it would be his last meeting. Stakeholders thanked him for his contribution.

- DN reported that this was likely to be his last meeting as he had been contracted to manage the communications and consultation up until the SoS submission and this was likely to occur in the next couple of weeks. He thanked stakeholders for their contributions. Stakeholders thanked him for his efforts.

8. Date of next meeting

Action: DN agreed to write to Mark Davies (new trust CE) and express the view from the group that it would be useful to continue the group, especially in such a critical time for the new trust. However a new ToR would need to be developed and a date of next meeting was left open to be decided when Mark Davies had the opportunity to review the focus of the group.