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ACUTE HOSPITALS SUB GROUP MEETING

26TH July 2010
Beverley Minster Board Room

Action

1. Apologies:

Present: Ruth Marsden (Chair)
Sylvia Whitton
Geoff Mitchell
Louise Beecroft
Maggie Whitlock
Pam Child
Diana Sandy
Jean Turner
Ron Hart

2. Minutes of previous meeting:

With minor amendments accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising:

Foundation Trust status - Department of Health indicates that Foundation Trust status will be required of all Trusts.

4. Acute Assessment Unit (AAU) update and recommendations

The recommendations from RM and RH were discussed. Concern was raised that the issues currently identified were historical and had been raised with the hospital several years previously therefore action was required and recommendations had to be powerful. There was recognition that the Hospital is often on 'red alert' but it is not possible to close the doors to any further admissions. This is exacerbated when GPs advise to "ring 999". It is important for all sections of health and social care need to work together to seek the solution. A suggestion was made to meet with HEYHT administration/management to speak to them directly regarding the issues raised.

Discussion took place regarding the recommendations made and a summary list was made. The recommendations must relate to the AAU report.

The final report to go to:

SO to summarise the recommendations and discussions and forward to RM and RH for approval before circulation

Hull and East Yorkshire Hospital Trust (HEYHT)
NHS East Riding of Yorkshire (seeking support for
action)
NHS Hull
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) Hull and
East Riding of Yorkshire
Media

Discussion took place regarding at what point the
report could be released to the press as a public
document.

A visit had been undertaken by the Strategic
Health Authority (SHA) to Hull Royal Infirmary
AAU. Access to the report would be useful.

SO to access the
SHA report

DS had, earlier in the year, attended an
'Inappropriate admission to hospitals' meeting.

DS to locate
report if available

5. Accident and Emergency Report (A & E)

The report had been forwarded to HEYHT for
factual accuracy.
Discussion over the report and individual
experiences of A & E took place. There appears to
be something wrong with the processes and
systems.
Once the report is received back, circulated to
group members and to the Lead Group prior to
sign off.

SO to circulate A
& E report prior to
sign off by Lead
Group

6. Future Enter and View Visits

Catering Department – DS. RM willing to
undertake this visit if no-one able to come forward
from wider group.

SO to circulate the
need for an
Authorised
Representative to
all who have
undertaken
training

HRI Wards 11 and 12 visits Teams To be
determined as dates agreed.

SO to contact AR
for potential dates

Discussion took place regarding the current Enter
and View Training and the process to become an
Authorised Representative

RH and SW to
forward
September dates
to SO

SO to review
previous Lead
Group meetings to
identify status of
ERYC
Safeguarding
training

SO to put Enter
and View training
on the next Lead
Group Meeting

7. Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals Trust Business Plan

This document had only recently been received and therefore not all members had had an opportunity to read it.

All members to read the Business Plan and identify issues and concerns raised ready for the next meeting

Concern over how the Trust will make the £21 million savings required. The use of vacancy management as a 'savings' system and impact on staff and service delivery discussed.

It was suggested that a 'checklist' of the areas proposed for 'savings' is created and brought to the next meeting to be used to check impact on service delivery during Enter and View visits.

Reprioritising of operations eg hip replacements and bariatrics, how many will be done in the future? What will the waiting times be?

10. Quality Accounts (QA) consultation

LINks have been asked to comment upon the process of consultation over the Quality Accounts and also the usefulness of the Accounts themselves.

SO to circulate the link for the individual consultations

2 consultations are currently taking place for individuals to complete and for LINks to complete.

Concern raised over the number of 'administrators' within acute hospital structures. Is it possible to 'Enter and View' the administration and management structures? It is known that administration is just 2% of the overall cost, this is one of the leanest organisations in the country.

Discussion took place regarding the need to know the structures of the various commissioners and providers in health and social care.

SO to seek copies of structures for local commissioners and providers.

11. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Awaiting a date for HEYHT representatives to attend Acute Hospital Sub Group meeting to discuss this document. Discussion took place as to whether such a document would be restrictive rather than empowering.

A suggestion was made that if this is seen as a useful tool for collaborative working it should be used between all organisations.

Margaret Parrott, Head of Quality and Liz Thomas Head of Corporate Governance, have been identified as the appropriate people to attend to discuss the MoU.

SO to pursue a date to meet with Margaret Parrott and Liz Thomas

12. AOB:

Discussion took place regarding the need to be proactive with Acute Hospital management, working in partnership in an innovative, lively and non-threatening way to get action.

Implications of the White Paper need to be discussed as a wider organisation.

Formal consultations end on 11th October 2010.

SO to circulate dates for meeting and prior to this possible meeting to arrange agenda.
SO to take to Marketing and Membership Group

Details of Next Meeting:

Following discussion with RM it has not been possible to find an earlier date therefore the next meeting will be:

Monday 13th September 2010

10 am

Venue: Boardroom, Beverley Minster Parish Centre