

ANDOVER AND DISTRICT OLDER PEOPLE'S FORUM MEETING HELD ON 26st OCTOBER 2022 AT 2.15PM AT ANDOVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Present: Jenny Kay, Brian Kay, Wendy Rayner, H Watkins, Wilson Carson, Mollie Antrobus, F North, W North, Brian Skinner, Rita Skinner, B Rawling, S McNamara. A Wakfield, Ivan Perryman, P Ponting, M Ponting, April Price, Sonia Lower, Chris Bowling, Margherite Bowling, Brenda Nash, Katherine Bauer, Michael Mumford, Cheila Cowap, Brenda Pullen, Marion Kerley, Di Swaddling, C. Cushnie, Alison Milbourn.

In Attendance : I Colley (TVBC)

1. **Welcome** Chairman Jenny Kay welcomed attendees and opened Meeting announcing that after General Business Mollie Antrobus would take over the meeting for the special topic of the day.
2. **Apologies:** Mr and Mrs Taylor, Peter Rayner, Angela Morris
3. **Minutes of July Meeting** Agreed as correct.
4. **Matters Arising** None
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Fred North

Treasurer Fred North reported that in the 6 months from April to September 2022 there had been an overspend of £291.92. He pointed out apart from Hall hire for our meetings our information service ie Notice Board and Website charges were the main items of expenditure. Also Grants were less forthcoming and therefore we do rely to an extent on fundraising. In this respect he thanked Marion Kerley for raising £38.32 for AOPF in this period. We have now changed our bank which will save us money in Bank Charges.

6. **Web Manager's Report** – Wilson Carson
Wilson Carson reported that we were getting many more hits on our Website. This meant that more people were hearing about us and it was becoming more and more successful
7. **Facebook Reminder**
Di Swaddling our fantastic website designer reminded everyone of our Facebook page and invited anyone who has a Facebook Account to follow us, and like us, and share with any friends, family or colleague. We put on lots of information that could be useful.

REFRESHMENT BREAK

8. Local Health Developments and how we can help to influence them.

At this point the Chairman and Secretary handed over the proceedings to Mollie Antrobus who explained she was "Plan B" in view of the proposed speaker being unavailable.

Mollie then made an excellent presentation which involved those present interacting, posing questions and making contributions. Wilson Carson was in charge of the slides shown on a television and Di Swaddling was thanked for the layout of the slide presentation. This was a complicated subject and was split into 1. Consultation; 2 Andover Community Diagnostic Centre; 3 A new Trauma Hospital for North Hampshire and 4. Integrated Care Systems (ICS).

Imogen Colley manned wall Charts noting important items and queries. These are produced below:

How do we communicate with Health?

- GP's
- MP's
- Patient Participation Groups
- Local Councillors

Where do we find out about consultations and news?

- Test Valley News (but this doesn't always reach everyone)
- Websites- not everyone can check regularly
- Often need to sign up to website to receive alerts

What visits have been made to hospitals which could have been done in Andover?

- Important to consider impact of Covid and nurse availability on this
- Ease of moving one professional vs moving multiple patients
- Long waits for diagnostics?
- Coordination

Future Topics

- ICB Representative
- Social services and continuity of care
- Pensions
- Diagnostic Centre Manager
- Digitalisation of medical records- security and mobile phone access

Key Considerations for Trauma Hospital

- Accessibility
- Public transport
- Capacity and waiting times
- Older people would visit trauma hospital for things like falls and head injuries as they contain blood and specialist surgeons

Comments

- Do quicker diagnoses address the issue of longer waiting times?
- Lack of communication between Andover, Basingstoke, Winchester and Southampton hospitals.
- What is the future of Andover services and how will these fit into the wider picture?
- Want to make the best use of Andover hospital services
- Need more communication with people working in health
- Need to understand the impact of political agendas on health services and decision making
- Simpler consultation processes with clear information on what will be done with the results and when the results will be released.
- Need for better understanding of local available social care- where should you go for help> Need one central point of contact.
- No definition of what a carer is- the Princess Royal Trust can provide an emergency plan to put plans into force for 48hrs to provide a stand in service for the person being care for
- What is social care vs. NHS care.

The presentation provided a wealth of information but also many questions. Thanks were expressed to Mollie for the tremendous work that she had done to bring all this to us.

Mollie will be preparing a report on the presentation which will be made available to Members

9. AOB

9.1 Peter Ponting still collects unwanted tools and all haberdashery items for TWAM (Tools with a Mission). If anyone has anything they think might be useful please phone Peter on 07813702911 with your address and postcode for him to collect them.

9.2 Members of the Committee had made enquiries regarding Defibrillators, how they can be accessed and how they are used and who can use them. Southern Central Ambulance Service which covers our area is happy to visit us, tell us all about them and give us demonstrations.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The last Thursday in January 2023 was agreed for next General Meeting subject to availability of venue. Executive Committee Meeting to be arranged.

11. Raffle was drawn and meeting closed 4.15.