

Date: Monday, 15 July 2013

To: Wisbech PRG Groups

Subject: Report on attendances at Wisbech Local Clinical Commissioning Group (LCG) and Cambs Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Events as LCG & CCG Patient Representative.

Purpose: Information.

Please see end of report for glossary of initials.

Since my last report, I have attended further LCG Board meetings and a CCG – PRG Group meeting. I also attended a Wisbech Health and Well-being group meeting.

This month I wish to bring to the group's notice the further update on the future of community services provision. The procurement programme for the replacement provider(s) for these services is well advanced and the first stage in the Tendering process has begun.

The CCG review of provision for older peoples care has been updated and reported to the CCG Main Board. An updated paper on this is attached.

The arrangements for the pilot scheme to provide intermediate "Step Up / Down" Bed facilities in Trafford Ward at North Cambs Hospital to avoid admission to the Main Hospitals or to facilitate early discharge from General Hospitals is now active; GPs can make use of the dedicated bed spaces where appropriate.

The CCG PRG group has again discussed several topics of general interest to all parts of the CCG and I again bring these to your attention with the hope of gaining feedback from your own PPG group. These discussions and any feedback you pass to me are reported back to the PRG group and thence to the Main CCG Board by the PRG Group Chair, who sits as a Patient Member. In addition, the minutes of our group form part of the Main Board Agenda.

Discussion Topics:

1. Young people mental health provision or lack of, is continuing to cause concern to some LCG Patient Reps and I would be pleased to hear of your experiences.
2. Concern over the recent publicity concerning the financial position and stability of Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals and similar concerns over Hinchingsbrooke. On this topic I wrote to "Monitor" who have responsibility to manage the solution to the severe funding crisis facing the Trust expressing concern for the continuity of service. The response I received acknowledged the scale of the financial problem but concluded:

"I also note your concern about the future of Peterborough Hospital, but the report findings do not mean that hospitals will need to close, indeed, as noted above, the CPT is focusing on the services currently supplied by the Trust to ensure that they are delivered on a sustainable basis".

If you wish to see my email and the full response please ask.

3. Out of Hours Care is still a concern to many and again I would like your feedback on your experiences so I can in turn take them to the LCG and CCG.
4. A&E - The performance of especially Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn is again a hot topic - feedback please.
5. Lastly - closely related Emergency Ambulance service experiences.

There has been much discussion in the paper of the "Tesco Model" for Health service provision, that is 24/7 365 day working, is this reasonable to expect and can the NHS afford it - discuss! Salford NHS trust in Manchester is providing full Consultant and Nursing cover from 6am to Midnight including seven days a week surgical procedure provision and with full emergency cover backed by consultants for the short overnight gap. Is this the future? – Especially as Salford maintain they are actually saving money by making better use of the facilities.

The media has been filled with the report on end of life care and the scrapping of the "Liverpool Pathway" in favour of individual care plans for people in this position. Please feel free to comment and I will collate your responses and feed them back.

How to contact me:

Please feel free to contact me as Groups or individuals if you have a general concern you would like me to take to the Groups I attend. All the surgeries have my contact details.

I regret I cannot undertake matters that concern individual Patient – GP treatment as these are matters for the surgeries themselves.

Please remember I would be very interested in helping to start a Wisbech & District Patient Forum which would meet three or four times a year where all of our Practice Patient Groups could interchange ideas and concerns on the NHS in our area. If anyone is interested in assisting / organising this please contact me.

I am happy to receive Patient Representative Communications at address below, although naturally this would be confidential to Patient Participation Group Secretaries or Practice

Personnel. I am also happy to receive email communications on this email address from anyone who wishes to bring something to my attention either as an individual or a group.

Please head any emails with "Patient Rep" in the subject line to mail@ashconsult.plus.com

The postal address is:

J. Grevatt, LCG mail, Ashtree Lodge, Luttongate, Gedney Hill, Spalding, Lincs, PE12 0QH.

It is worth noting for those that do not know the area or myself; whilst my postal address is Lincolnshire, I live close to Parson Drove which is of course our home Surgery and has been for nearly forty years, and I have spent most of the last 30 years before my retirement working in Wisbech where the majority of our social life still takes place so I have a reasonable knowledge of Wisbech and its strengths and vulnerabilities.

John Grevatt

Much needed Glossary Notes!

CCG *Cambridge and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (responsible for Commissioning service throughout the Group area and setting strategies also monitoring the LCGs and the appropriate LCG Budgets);*

LCG *Local Commissioning Group (in Context referring to the Wisbech LCG responsible for commissioning Clinical services in their Local Area using their local budgets);*

PRG – *Patient Reference Group (this is attached to the CCG and is composed of Mandated [voting] representatives from the LCG's established to monitor and review CCG policies and decisions from a patient's perspective;*

PPG – *Patient Participation Group (attached to individual Surgeries these can be on line or physically meeting on a regular basis).*