

**NOTES OF THE
WORKING TOGETHER STEERING GROUP**
Wednesday 18th April 2018
UCLAN, Samuel Lindow Building, Westlakes Science and
Technology Park, Moor Row CA24 3JY

In Attendance:

- Richard Pratt (**Chair**) (RP)
- Alan Alexander (AA)
- Tom Bell (TB)
- Ali Atkinson-Budd (AAB)
- Julie Clayton (JC)
- Liz Clegg (LC)
- Belinda Cooper (BC)
- Jan den Bak (JdB)
- Stephen Eames (SE)
- Susan Graham (SG)
- Sandra Guise (SGu)
- Rebecca Hanson (RH)
- Christine Harrison (CH)
- Ian Hinde (IH)
- Eleanor Hodgson (EH)
- Rachel Holliday (RaH)
- Ged McGrath (GM)
- David Rogers (DR)
- Juan Shimmin (JS)
- Sue Stevenson (SS)
- Eileen Turner (ET)
- Elizabeth Van Oudgaarden (EVO)
- Jon Ward (JW)
- Chris Whiteside (CW)

AGENDA ITEM 01: Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, followed by a round of introductions.

Apologies were received from Rhia Heron, Mahesh Dhebar, Amanda Dunkley, Georgina Ternant, Daphne Mercer, Yvonne Fairbairn

AGENDA ITEM 02: Reminder of purpose

RP reminded everyone of the purpose of the meeting and how it does business. Key words: fairness, spirit, ambition and kindness.

AGENDA ITEM 03: Notes of Meeting held on 18th January 2018

The notes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 04: Update on 12 month start date

EH confirmed that the NHS North Cumbria CCG Governing Body had signed off the start date as the 1st April 2018. This sees the start of a trial period to test the sustainability of a consultant-led maternity service at Whitehaven at the West Cumberland Hospital (WCH). The CCG Governing Body will be advised by the Independent Review Group (chaired by Dr Bill Kirkup) as to the progress being made.

Press coverage saying that up to 200 women would be transferred to Carlisle to give birth had caused some confusion and concern that this would be happening while the review was ongoing.

Clarification was given. It has always been the case in Option 1 that some women would need to transfer to Carlisle if their babies are likely to need specialist paediatric care when they are born. This is not happening at the moment but is currently in the planning stage. Women would be reviewed during the antenatal period and advised if this was the case. This is not happening at the moment and staff are being kept up to date with progress around the criteria being developed.

There was concern that with those women being transferred it may undermine the service, but Richard Pratt described a way of considering the change through numbers to ensure we continue to focus on the best outcome for most women.

The review over the next 12 months is to ensure that progress is made to achieve a sustainable consultant led maternity unit at WCH.

It was clarified that the Independent Review Group was made up of independent experts in the fields of paediatrics, maternity and anaesthetics and would not include anyone local. However reviews of local audits would include local clinicians.

There was a general discussion about how the hospital has to meet new standards of care that requires a certain level of staffing and the difficulties involved in explaining this to the public in what it means for maternity and paediatric services.

There was also concern that the issues would cause doubt in the recruitment process in that people wouldn't want to come if the future wasn't secure.

AGENDA ITEM 05: Recruitment Update – isthisyou?

A planned presentation of the new recruitment material being used by the NHS across north Cumbria was planned but unable to be held because Rhia was poorly and will be shown at the next meeting.

The Trusts had attended a recruitment event targeting nurses and midwives with some success. As Rhia wasn't available to present the information a summary will be circulated with the minutes.

AGENDA ITEM 06: Co-production Update

JC & SS gave an update on the partnership with Healthwatch and CLIC who are developing a toolkit showing co-production in practice to spread the learning across the region and wider.

Details of a survey will be circulated and further meetings are planned for the stroke service.

AGENDA ITEM 07: MVP

SGu reported that engagement has improved with more people getting involved in a wide range of activities and meetings. These include: Public Health Strategy and Breast Feeding initiative; Perinatal Mental Health Strategy and Better Births.

AGENDA ITEM 08: Recruitment & Retention and Agenda Item 09: 13 May Event Planning

RH gave information on an event 'Tea with the Team' (leaflet attached). The aim of the event is to bring together a range of organisations with NHS staff new to the area to help them settle in. If successful October was suggested as a good time for another event as that's when new nurses and midwives would be starting.

There was a discussion about the NHS at 70 and the range of activities taking place. Everyone thought it was important to appreciate staff who had worked for the NHS for a long time, so the group will look at ideas for events during the first week in July.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Telemedicine

TB explained that a written report had been circulated and that the group were co-ordinating all the pilots that were going ahead. There was concern that some services were resistant to the idea of telemedicine and would require further work.

AGENDA ITEM 11: Childrens

EH talked about the development of a whole system asthma pathway with organisations working together differently to achieve this. Although children and families don't sit round the table there has been a range of engagement activities to ensure their feedback is included in the development.

JC made people aware of the cards that had been produced to promote the child health app. People were encouraged to take them away and share them.

Agenda Item 12: Care at a Distance

LC reported that the group are looking into reviving the shuttle bus which used to run between the two hospital sites, but its early days.

There has also been discussions about using barrier car parking at the hospitals where you pay on exit.

Date and time of next meetings:

Wednesday 30th May, 6.00 to 8.00pm, venue to be confirmed.
