

Attending: Jack Wrigley, Ray Tallis, Paul Leake, Andy Wedderburn, Ian Barker, George Rogers, Graham Trickey, Rod Kilgour, Steve Torley, Liz Harlow.
Chair: Terry Tallis (TT)

1. Welcome & 2. Apologies

TT opened the meeting and received apologies from Tom Gillespie, Wendy Darling, Elaine & Brian Preece and Peter Phillips

3. Previous minutes & 4. Matters arising

Ray Tallis (RT) briefly outlined the co-operation with Unite. It had been agreed at the 5 January extraordinary meeting that SNHSW would join the union on a street by street campaign.

There would be campaigning drives outside Asda on the A6 and Marple precinct.

Unite had printed 2,000 of our leaflets.

Rod Kilgour (RK) - was there a specific theme to the joint campaigning?

RT – TTIP was the central theme, as far as Unite was concerned.

TT – reminded the meeting that ISDS had been halted.

Ian Barker (IB) – even if that section disappeared there was still a lot to worry about.

IB would issue some notes about TTIP.

TT – Brigitte Lechner (People's Assembly) had emailed TT re going to Brussels for a major lobby of the EU. Steve Torley (ST) added that War on Want was looking for volunteers to go over.

There were two key votes coming up – the first on 18 April. TT would investigate.

IB – Radio 4 was airing “TTIP: the world's biggest trade deal” on Thursday 22 January at 8.30pm. (Still available on iplayer.)

5. Reports

Inclusion of “the clause”

TT, IB, Tony Carew and Graham Trickey (GT) had met Ranjit Gill (Chief Clinical Officer) and Gaynor Mullins (Chief Operating Officer) on 11 December 2014.

IB had attended an SCCG board meeting the day before at which the new procurement policy had been approved.

SNHSW had written (5 Dec) to the CCG re its failure to follow up on verbal promises; its reluctance to meet SNHSW and its inadequate minutes. IB had amended the latter and sent them back to SCCG.

11 December Meeting - Gill and Mullins were reminded that:

- 1) December 2012 Tim Ryley had accepted the 38 Degrees inspired petition and had indicated that inclusion of the clause into the CCG's constitution should not be a problem.
- 2) Subsequent meetings were held with Jane Crombleholme and Ranjit Gill – where it became apparent that neither had been informed about the clause. JC acknowledged this was an important issue and the clause would go into the procurement policy.
- 3) At another meeting Mark Chidgey (Director of Provider

Management) stated that although the clauses were not included no further discussion would be entered into.

GT – there had also been no progress on including the living wage in contracts or due diligence on the financial probity of tendering companies. GT thought the matter should be taken to a higher level.

RK - what would be the appropriate level?

IB – NHS England

RK – Had the CCG claimed to have dealt with the issue of questionable companies?

IB – Yes, at the CCG meeting of 10 December. They said they had had input “from the public” ie SNHSW. They also mentioned that the use of tax havens was covered in existing legislation. IB has asked for clarification on this.

RK suggested taking the matter to Mark Hunter, if the response was unsatisfactory.

ST asked if the policy had been agreed.

IB said that it was visible on the website. Go to the link “our procurement/contracts page” link on SCCG website ([HYPERLINK “http://stockportccg.org/making-an-enquiry/freedom-of-information/procurement/”](http://stockportccg.org/making-an-enquiry/freedom-of-information/procurement/) <http://stockportccg.org/making-an-enquiry/freedom-of-information/procurement/>).

Example – the AMD contract which requires bids to be in by 19 January. There is a lot of detail on that contract.

ST asked if there was a planned review of the procurement policy. IB thought not. RT thought this was very important because of the private sector's ability to write bids, but inability to deliver services.

IB – the living wage issue was important because some companies were selling the NHS instruments made by child labour.

Liz Harlow – Monitor was supposed to establish a register of “qualified” companies. This has never been done. Licences are only required for contracts over £10million, smaller contracts are not checked in any way. Also the “Any Qualified Provider Resource Centre” and the Supply2Health website have both been closed.

IB - the first meeting with Chidgey revealed that suppliers that were very skilled at negotiations had resulted in contracts that don't allow the NHS to cancel.

RK – because some companies were leaving contracts, bigger contracts were being rolled up for outsourcing. As CSUs were now largely run by private companies they will favour bids from other private providers. The number of NHS/voluntary sector CSUs was diminishing.

Paul Leake – does the Civil Service have a role in drawing this to the government's attention.

TT – SNHSW should bring all this to the attention of Mark Hunter, plus “meaningful” involvement of the public in policy. RK – and the living wage issue.

RT – also offshore providers and child labour.

TT suggested a sub group to decide on items for discussion with Hunter.

RK, ST, IB & GT would work on topics for discussion.

General CCG matters
14 January board meeting

GT- BDO Consulting was to be awarded a £400,000 contract by the CCG, Stepping Hill, SMBC and Pennine to advise them on how to integrate their services.
GT's FOI request had been turned down, but Tim Ryley had offered to "talk [him] through it".

AW – are there no examples of good practice within the NHS that could be replicated, without bringing in consultants?

The next meeting of the CCG board would be 11 February. The A&E crisis at Stepping Hill – only 59% of patients being seen within four hours - would be discussed. HealthWatch had talked to patients about this and although deadlines are being missed there is evidence of good treatment outcomes. Bed-blocking would also be looked at.

AW – was community health on the agenda?

IB – concern had been raised at the 11 December meeting about the crisis in community healthcare and the safety implications.

GT – the current contract with Stepping Hill was going to be extended by a year, but if things deteriorate it would be put out to tender.

RK thought SNHSW should look at throughput comparisons with other A&Es

ST reminded the meeting that one of the Healthier Together options was to close Stepping Hill A&E.

Future campaigns / publicity

Stepping Hill

TT – SNHSW should show support for A&E staff.

It was decided that SNHSW would demonstrate "love" for Stepping Hill by staging an event on the "grassy knoll" by the main entrance on 12 February – the most convenient weekday close to St Valentine's Day.

Unite campaign

RT – thought that it had been working well. Unite weren't using SNHSW as a "fig leaf" for union activity. A lot of signatures had been collected and were being collated by Elaine and Brian Preece.

Next event: 24 January, 10am – adjacent to The Forum in Romiley

The Unite organisers were attempting to get Lisa Smart (prospective Lib Dem candidate) and Andrew Stunell to sign their pledge.

Leaflets

The reference to the Efford Bill had been removed and 2,000 had been reproduced by Unite. It would be further updated to get MPs to sign the pledge. RT would circulate information.

Website

JW would replace the old leaflet on the website. He would ask PP for a PDF of the current version.

JW would also discuss the possibility of a new car sticker with PP.

The major update of the website would be viewable by 22 January. This would include:

all the Jane Crombleholme material being consolidated into one story; an upload of the Unite story and pictures; a thank you to those who supported the Efford Bill campaign; six new stories by GT

The renewal with the site host would be due soon – the meeting agreed that SNHSW should stay with the current provider.

HealthWatch

RK reported that HW had been reviewing One to One Midwives; the situation at Stepping Hill and mental health – Pennine Care was a major cause for concern. HW's budget was going to be reduced - one of the four paid staff members was to be made redundant.

RK had raised the CSU issue – HW wasn't aware of this.

Healthier Together was to be shelved until after the general election.

IB – had also raised this at the CCG. Gill had said, contrary to what had been understood, that primary care reforms don't have to take place first and hospitals were trying to co-operate over this.

HW England had been challenging "Super CCGs" and had made strong representations to Hunt. The issue had also been raised in parliament.

RK would investigate if anything had emerged from this.

TT asked RK to inform HW about what SNHSW proposed to take to Mark Hunter and also to invite HW to join the Stepping Hill event.

Patient Panel

George Rogers (GR) told the meeting that he was losing faith with the Patient Panel as he thought it was being side-lined. Eg: It was originally chaired by a member of the CCG, but no longer. Also the Panel does not know which CCG officers will attend.

RT – if you decide to resign, please make a lot of fuss about it.

GT also asked GR to sound out other panel members before resigning. NHS England makes a big deal of participation through patient panels.

Finance

LH reported that SNHSW's account stood at £482.53.

6. Future activities

Public meeting – RT would organise.

It would be an opportunity to hold the Hazel Grove candidate to account.

It would focus on getting support for the repeal of the 2012 Act and improved funding.

If Lisa Smart agrees, other groups could be involved.

ST – if it works in Hazel Grove it could be repeated elsewhere in the borough.

Meeting with Mary Robinson
(Tory candidate for Cheadle)

It was decided that this was worth pursuing and SNHSW would ask her to address some the same questions that they would be putting to Hunter.

Any Questions – Radio 4 (3 February)

ST and GR would be going. Please email ST with ideas for questions.

Support for Andrew Gwynne
TT would contact his office.

Stockport Green candidate – Gary Lawson – SNHSW would try to get information for the next meeting.

Fortnightly meetings

These would have to be hosted by a SNHSW member – the Drill Hall is booked up. Decision to be taken at a future meeting.

7. Any Other Business

GT – Tameside Hospital – one of nine “pathfinder” (mutual) hospitals. Could mean a Hinchingsbrooke situation in Stockport.

22 January – HealthWatch meeting at Graylaw House, about the 2014 Care Act.

IB might be able to attend.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm approx.

Next meeting: Tuesday 17 February at 7.30pm, Drill Hall, Cheadle.

Attending: Jack Wrigley, Ray Tallis (minute-taker vice Liz Harlow) Paul Leake, Rod Kilgour, Sandy Broadhurst
Chair: Terry Tallis (TT)

1. Welcome & 2. Apologies

TT opened the meeting and received apologies from Tom Gillespie, Debbie Hind, Ian Barker, Graham Trickey, Steve Torley, Wendy Darling and Liz Harlow.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

These were accepted as a correct record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising Not on the Agenda

There were no matters arising.

5. Reports

Complaint about the Failure of the CCG to Insert the Ethical Clause into the Constitution

There had been no resolution of this matter. Graham Trickey (GT), Tony Carew (TC), Ian Barker (IB) and the Chair were due to meet with key CCG members on 12th March. There was a strong suspicion that SNHSW was simply being 'strung along'.

Report of Monthly CCG Board Meeting

Unfortunately none of those who had attended the meeting had been able to be present at this SNHSW meeting to report. This item was therefore carried over.

Action: GT, TS and IB to report back at the next meeting on this and other CCG- related items being pursued.

Joint Campaign with Unite

Ray Tallis (RT) reported on this. He felt that the No NHS Sell-Off had been largely successful. There had been joint campaigning in Marple, Romilly, Cheadle High Street, and Gatley. A very large number of signatures (over 300 in one morning in Cheadle High Street) had been collected to support opposition to TTIP and to the Health and Social Care Act (HSCA). This was being presented to the relevant MPs and May 2015 candidates to show strength of feeling in their constituencies against privatisation of the NHS.

Surprisingly, both Lisa Smart (prospective Lib Dem Hazel Grove) and Andrew Stunnell (outgoing Hazel Grove) had signed the petition. Mark Hunter had refused to do so. However, Hunter was due meet SNHSW members on Friday 20th February. This meeting would be co-ordinated by the Chair and would cover TTIP and HSCA. There would be additional pressure on Hunter because the Lib Dem Stockport Lord Mayor and Lib Dem Leader of Stockport Council had also signed the pledge opposing TTIP and HSCA. It was agreed to send the pictures of the signing by Lib Dem local politicians

to Mark Hunter. RT gave Rod Kilgour (RK) a copy of the legal judgement provided by Unite reaffirming the threat to NHS from TTIP – especially from the Investor States Disputes Settlement element.

Actions: 1) Pictures to Mark Hunter. 2) Email discussion between attendees before 20th February to determine the Agenda for the meeting 3) RT to circulate the TTIP legal advice via Tom. (Done)

Unite campaigners had secured the agreement of a significant number of residents to display Not for Sale (by "Cameron & Hunt" estate agents) boards outside their houses in Hazel Grove and the photographic record would be on the SNHSW website. They were due to be put up in Buckingham Road Cheadle between 9th and 12th March.

Action: Pictures to be placed on SNHSW website by Jack Wrigley (JW)

Leaflets and Publicity Materials

The standard leaflet had been updated by Peter Philips (PP) and RT. There were still a large number in stock. PP had also created some additional material for the Valentine's Day visit to Stepping Hill Hospital to express appreciation to the staff for all their work. This, along with a 'Thank you letter' composed by the Chair distributed to staff – had been greatly appreciated. It was agreed to inform Tony Stokes (Stockport Health Watch) of the event.

Action: Chair to write to Tony Stokes.

Web-Site

JW reported that the site had now reached 4/5 capacity. This raised the question as to whether we should purchase more space when the site was renewed. JW felt that there was enough space to see us through to the election. He agreed to research prices and options and to report back at the next meeting. RT reported that he felt proud of the website and that it had attracted a lot of favourable attention to the group. The sentiment was universally echoed.

JW also wondered whether there might be a capacity problem on our Facebook page.

Action: JW to consider, and report back on, options for website and to raise Facebook website capacity issues with Liz Harlow (LH).

Healthwatch

Rod Kilgour (RK) reported that there had been no meeting in January. A special meeting was to be convened to discuss the CCG budget which had not yet been finalised. Healthwatch had been paying particular attention to A&E (under pressure) and mental health services (under pressure and serious budget cuts). There had also been a review of patient discharge arrangements. There had been no news on the One to One Midwifery contract. However, RK reported seeing a midwifery shop in (prime location) Liverpool One, advertising

wares. SNHSW members expressed outrage and nausea.

Finances

The Chair reported on this in LH's absence, on the basis of a briefing note from LH. The account (as of 13th February) stands at £530.90. Approximately £50 would need to be set aside for the website and either £30 or £45 for the next set of drill Hall bookings. This sum was offset by the £30 subs collected at the 17th February meeting.

Further Campaigning

38 degrees event 28th February beginning 10 a.m. SNHSW would participate in this. Chair agreed to co-ordinate by directly contacting 30 degrees (address: Room 126, 40 Bowling Green Lane, London EC1R 0NE; tel 0207 970 6023) and, as she could not be present on 28th February, nominate JW as the local contact.

It was felt that the ideal location would be Sainsbury's end of the Precinct in Stockport Town Centre.

Action Chair to contact 38 degrees and to inform SNHSW members as to where, what, when. JW to co-ordinate. RT to circulate the 38 degrees notification of the event.

Hustings/Question Time

It was agreed that SNHSW should organise a public meeting on 28th March (to coincide with the KONP national campaign) in which parliamentary candidates for May 2015 should be required to make public their position on NHS – in particular the repeal of HSCA, TTIP, privatisation, funding, and structural issues. Since the positions of Anne Coffey and Andrew Gwynne were known and largely in line with SNHSW aspirations, it was agreed to focus on the Hazel Grove and Cheadle candidates. Strictly, "hustings" required all candidates to be present, and this might be logistically impossible, so it was agreed to have a "question time" format. There would be a candidate representing each major party (Tory, Labour, Lib-Dem, Green, UKIP) from either Hazel Grove or Cheadle constituency and there would also be a senior medic on the panel. The chair would be an SNHSW member.

This would present a formidable logistical challenge. RT agreed to lead organisationally. Sandy Broadhurst had had experience of similar events and RT would seek her help. The most urgent tasks were to determine the availability of candidates for 28th March and to find an affordable location. The event would need to be widely publicised and the press should be informed.

Action RT to work with others as set out above.

Event to Support Andrew Gwynne MP

There was support for such an event. The Chair agreed to take forward the plans with Mr. Gwynne's office to determine time, place, format.

Action Chair to develop plans for the meeting

General Campaigning Direction up to Election

The Chair opened the discussion by pointing to an important question regarding our campaign strategy. SNHSW was resolutely non-party political, being willing to work with any group or party that would support its aims of protecting the NHS from privatisation and ensuring that it was adequately. Its membership included individuals affiliated to Labour Party and the Greens and others who had no affiliation. However, in the upcoming election, furthering the aims of SNHSW would require supporting those parties that would protect the NHS.

The sitting Labour candidates (Gwynne and Coffey) were assumed to be opposed to HSCA and TTIP, even though they had not indicated a willingness to reverse all privatisation or to re-negotiate the disastrous PPI deals. There was, however, more work to be done campaigning to get the Lib Dem candidates to change their mind (Hunter in Cheadle) or to come to the right view (Smart in Hazel Grove). Beyond this, members of SNHSW would be working essentially as individuals in marginals such as High Peak where the main priority would be to remove the sitting Tory MP. How would the SNHSW 'brand' be used in these campaigns? Would members still work as a group?

It was agreed that this was an important matter and the Chair suggested that a special meeting be convened, primarily to address this issue. The date (3rd March) and location (5, Valley Road) were agreed.

Action Chair to notify members of additional meeting on 3rd March,

Liaison with Greens

As there were no Green Party members present (because of clash with the Green Party meeting), it was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm approx.

Next meetings:

Tuesday 17 March at 7.30pm, Drill Hall, Cheadle.

NB: Additional meeting

3rd March at 7:30 p.m. 5, Valley Road.

Attending: Debbie Hind, Jack Wrigley, Ian Barker, Rod Kilgour, Andy Wedderburn, Paul Leake, Liz Harlow, Elaine Preece, Brian Preece
Chair: Terry Tallis (TT)

1. Welcome & 2. Apologies

TT opened the meeting and received apologies from Ray Tallis, Tom Gillespie, Graham Trickey & Sandy Broadhurst.

3. Extra items added to agenda:

- i. Mark Hunter MP response.
- ii. Manchester meeting of the Centre for Labour and Social Studies (CLASS)
- iii Rod Kilgour's paper.

4. Mark Hunter MP

TT had received a letter and a phone call from Hunter, who was now anxious to sign the pledge - after some adjustments to the wording.

Action: small group of SNHSW members to meet at Hunter's constituency office 3pm, Thursday 12 March to sign pledge. Elaine Preece would contact local press.

He had also wanted to find out who No Health Selloff were. He thought their leaflets might contravene election regulations - as they didn't show their origin or publisher. The new "gagging law" covered the five month period prior to an election.

Irene from No Health Selloff had arranged to do the signing with Hunter, but TT had vetoed this, so SNHSW could be involved.

Irene had also discovered an independent candidate in Cheadle (Matthew Torbitt), who she was meeting for coffee on 4th March Debbie Hind (DH) thought he was standing for the "None of the above party".

Rod Kilgour (RK) asked if there was a Green candidate standing in Cheadle. DH was not aware of one. It was possible that the independent could stand as a Green. That could possibly eat into Hunter's vote. It was uncertain what impact the independent could have. Hunter has a very slender majority of 3,272.

Action: discover more about the independent candidate.

Green Party - Graham Trickey (GT) had reported that they didn't want SNHSW help.

Andrew Gwynne MP - his office had welcomed SNHSW involvement. There was an event planned for 7 March - TT awaiting details.

Mary Robinson - Tory candidate, Cheadle - RK asked if SNHSW should go through the motions of asking her to sign. It was agreed that it should. DH to arrange meeting.

5. CLASS meeting in Manchester

([HYPERLINK "http://classonline.org.uk/"](http://classonline.org.uk/) <http://classonline.org.uk/>)

Andy Wedderburn (AW) was intending to go to this meeting (5 March) and would report back.

Paul Leake had been following them on Twitter and would forward anything relevant.

6. 38 Degrees

DH reported that 38D had launched a campaign to get candidates to oppose TTIP. 38D think the NHS is still at risk - the wording is not sufficient to protect the NHS. Liz Harlow added that a link to this had been added to SNHSW's Face Book page.

AW thought this was the wrong way round - TTIP should be part of the NHS campaign.

Brian Preece thought the TTIP campaign was very important as the agreements were potentially very dangerous.

Saturday 28 February campaigning

DH reported that 682 signatures had been collected in two hours outside Laura Ashley in Stockport. She had forwarded these to 38D. SNHSW members were joined by people who turned up independently via 38D.

7. £6 billion Gtr Manchester funding

RK thought this was cynical electioneering and another top-down reorganisation for GM.

It was not known if the HSCA had been amended to allow for this and what the position will be re accountability and consultation.

AW thought Richard Leese (Leader, Manchester City Council) and Howard Bernstein (Chief Executive, Manchester CC) had chased this. They want the northwest established as a region - greater population than Wales etc.

RK thought the only positive about the whole situation was that Labour councils might row back on competitive tendering. However, they were accepting the revival of a mayoral election in exchange for this extra cash.

AW - there has been no consultation. TT - GPs not involved. GT had heard no discussions in SCCG board meetings, however Ranjit Gill had been promoting it in media interviews.

DH wondered where this left "Healthier Together" and also what the position would be for people from outside GM finding themselves using GM healthcare - would GM have to bill outsiders' CCGs?

RK - nothing appears to have been thought through. He also thought "devo Manc" could be a pilot scheme for other areas of the NHS.

AW - the system in Northern Ireland was far from integrated - hospitals suck in all the cash. It was a similar situation in Wales. If all health care was "regionalised" central government could blame local areas for any problems. TT - was that the plan - devolve responsibility?

IB thought it was to wrong-foot Labour. Elaine Preece asked

what Burnham's position was. Would a Labour government reverse this?

Concerns were also expressed about debts being passed on to the new authority; the NHS ceasing to be "national" and councillors controlling health policy - this had been a major concern of people signing the petition on 28 February.

RK explained that intention was that there would be a shadow authority (the Greater Manchester Health and Well-being Board) set up from this April with full implementation expected after 12 months.

Actions: RK to forward his notes to members
TT to write to Burnham
EP to email Gwynne
AW report back from CLASS meeting

8. Election strategy

It has always been SNHSW's intention to be non-partisan, but as the Green Party has indicated it doesn't want SNHSW support - the only remaining party close to SNHSW aims is Labour.

RK - as Hunter has signed the TTIP pledge we should keep in touch with him.

BP - essential to keep the Tory out.

DH - GT had made suggestions to the local Greens. They were focused on supporting their Edgeley candidate in general, not on a single issue.

AW - thought SNHSW had to be pragmatic - Labour was the only hope.

EP - had been working in Withington, which is a LD marginal. There is also a lot of activity in High Peak. EP can forward details.

AW - we should focus our efforts on where Labour can win.

TT - we also need to block Tories, by keeping LDs in their seats.

It was decided that SNHSW would produce a leaflet setting out the positions of all the parties running in the area. DH described a similar one produced by one of the teachers' unions which could provide a template.

Actions: get text together for next meeting. (Manifestos published 6 weeks prior to election.)
RT & PP to produce leaflet when content decided.
Possibly revisit Warren Street, Stockport to distribute leaflet.
EP to distribute Withington campaign details for individuals wanting to work for Labour.
Sandy Broadhurst will supply details about the High Peak campaign to those wanting to work as individuals for Labour.

9. Any Other Business

LH to publish on Face Book failure to discuss "devo Manc" at

SCCG.

IB to investigate facilities at The Magnet, Wellington Road, Stockport as a possible future venue.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Next meeting:

DRILL HALL, CHEADLE - Tuesday 17 March, 7.30pm

Attending: Maureen Harrison, George Rogers, Tom Gillespie, Ray Tallis, Graham Trickey, Brian Preece, Elaine Preece, Tony Carew, Liz Harlow, Jack Wrigley, Debbie Hind, Rod Kilgour, Sandy Broadhurst Chair: Terry Tallis (TT)

1. Welcome & 2. Apologies

TT opened the meeting and received apologies from Peter Phillips, Ian Barker, Wendy Darling, Andy Wedderburn, Paul Leake and Sharza Dethick

3 & 4. Minutes of previous meeting were approved. There were no matters arising.

5. Reports:

i. CCG & Insertion of ethical clause

After a lot of discussion, SNHSW has now been told that the clause will not be inserted into the procurement policy.

ii. "Devo Manc"

Elaine Preece (EP) had emailed Andrew Gwynne about this, for his comments. (His response has been emailed to members, including the link to an article by Andy Burnham.)

Rod Kilgour – Labour had issued a statement backing the idea.

EP had also emailed Withington Labour Party – their candidate had been pushing for this for years.

Ray Tallis thought the whole process had a long way to go before anything really happens.

iii. CCG

Graham Trickey's detailed report had been emailed to members prior to the meeting.

GT drew the meeting's attention to a new "hub" that was being proposed which would be outside Stepping Hill A&E – there would be competitive tendering for this. There was no information available about this, at present.

It was intended that there would be a public consultation over the summer. Maureen Harrison, a member of the governing body at Stepping Hill, said that governors had not had any information about this.

iv. Campaign with Unite

This had worked well. The "For Sale" boards had been very successful – good display in various parts of the borough.

Mark Hunter had decided TTIP was a bad idea and had signed "the pledge". If a Labour government produced an emergency NHS amendment bill, he would support it.

(This is a bill devised by David Owen to deal with Section 75; free foundation trusts from 50% of private income and restore the Secretary of State's responsibility to provide a health service.) SNHSW is very pleased that Mark Hunter has revised his position on all these matters.

Unite had also got the Mayor of Stockport and the Leader of the Council to sign.

v. Leaflets

The new version – setting out the policies of the major

parties – has been produced for the run up to the general election. The meeting looked at a prototype. Tom Gillespie (TG) would get prices for the printing, but it was expected that 1,000 would be produced.

Jack Wrigley would obtain a PDF version for the website. JW was planning several changes for the website. It was agreed that this would remain with the current service provider.

vi. HealthWatch

RK – nothing new to report.

vii. Finances – Liz Harlow reported that the account held £455.93.

viii Possible new venue/day – it had not been possible to make contact with the person concerned at The Magnet. Ian Barker would pursue this. The meeting was happy to move to Thursdays, but this was dependent on a new venue.

The Drill Hall would not be able to accommodate Thursdays.

ix. Devo Manc 2

TT had been at a Labour Party meeting the previous week – no one there had had advance warning of the Osborne plan.

It had transpired at Tony Carew's meeting with Ranjit Gill that Gill had known about the plans since last September.

Mark Hunter said he had only been informed two weeks before the announcement.

TT thought this made a complete farce out of the democratic process. Most people were in favour of the political devolution, but there had never been any mention of the NHS proposals.

TT had emailed Andy Burnham. EP added that Gwynne had said that the deal offered by Osborne was not what Labour had agreed to.

RK thought this would be an issue to pursue after the election. The budgets and decision making processes need to be scrutinised.

Brian Preece thought it could be difficult – opposing it could look like opposing local democracy.

RT – The Guardian had pointed out that the proposal couldn't go through until the business plan was produced.

Debbie Hind asked where the £6 billion figure had come from. GT explained that some things that had been done regionally had been taken over by NHS England. These were now being devolved back to Manchester. The CCGs would still get their own budgets. RT thought that essentially existing monies were being aggregated.

LH asked if the money was being ring-fenced. GT and TG thought that there was a danger that the money could be swallowed up by the holes in councils' social care budgets.

TT asked if HealthWatch had any information on this. RK said he would inquire.

x. Meeting with Mary Robinson

George Rogers asked if the Conservative PPC lived in the area. RK explained that she was previously a councillor in South Ribble.

TT said that a meeting had been arranged for Friday 27 March. MR had suggested meeting over a coffee. SNHSW would suggest "The Board" on Station Road, Cheadle Hulme at 10.30am. It was agreed that TT, RT, LH, JW and EP would attend.

6. Future Activities

a. Hustings

This has been arranged for Saturday 28 March in the Upper Gallery at Stockport Art Gallery at 6.30 for 7.00 to 9.00pm, in conjunction with 38 Degrees.

Speakers: Martin Porter – Energy; Brigitte Lechner – TTIP; Ray Tallis – NHS. There would be a response from the candidates and opportunities for questions from the audience.

Confirmed candidates: Mark Hunter (Lib Dem); William Wragg (Con – Hazel Grove); Shaun Hopkins (UKIP); Green candidate – to be confirmed - may possibly be a Left Unity candidate, as Left Unity are working in conjunction with the Greens.

RT would email all relevant interested groups (Unite, 38 Degrees, MH-Cuts etc); JW would publicise on the website; LH would post on FaceBook and EP would contact the local press.

It was anticipated the event would cost SNHSW approximately £200 to stage. The meeting thought it would be appropriate to seek donations from members of the public who attended.

b. Anti-Devo Manc Rally

Sunday 29 March - organised by The People's Assembly and 999 Call for the NHS, 10.30am Piccadilly Gardens

c. Canvassing for Labour

It was thought that anyone wanting to canvass should focus their energies on High Peak. Sandy Broadhurst would find out what was required there. EP explained that Withington was very well resourced and Andrew Gwynne had a 9,000 majority in Denton and Reddish.

d. Canvassing for SNHSW

Saturday 28 March – (new) leafletting in Warren Street (next to Laura Ashley) – 10am to noon + promoting Hustings event.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

**Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 14 July 2015
The Magnet Pub, A6 Stockport 7.30pm**

Attending: Jack Wrigley, Brian Preece, Ray Tallis, Paul Leake, Wendy Darling, Ian Barker, Tom Gillespie, George Rogers, Graham Trickey, Rod Kilgour, Debbie Hind (plus others).
Chair: Terry Tallis (TT)

1. Welcome & 2. Apologies

TT opened the meeting and received apologies from Liz Harlow, Andy Wedderburn.

3. Previous minutes & 4. Matters arising

- At our post-election meeting on 19 May after a discussion on whether the group should continue and whether the focus should remain on the NHS, it was confirmed that we should continue and concentrate on the NHS. A show of hands confirmed overwhelming support for this.
- IB/GT attended the June CCG, this will be covered in the main report.
- SNHSW has collaborated at an event under the Stockport United banner (see discussion in next section).
- JW reported updates to our website.

5. Reports/Actions

“Where should we focus our effort?”

- Ian/Graham believed that it was worth them continuing to attend/monitor Stockport CCG meeting. There has been a low degree of co-operation from the CCG and Freedom of Information requests have not been productive and as a result progress has been limited.
ACTION: IB/GT will continue to monitor the CCG.
- It was apparent that commissioning was moving towards a Greater Manchester focus and this was likely to accelerate with the impact Devo Manc on the NHS. This was likely to make scrutiny more difficult unless open reporting and meetings developed on a Greater Manchester basis.
ACTION: IB/GT will monitor developments particularly via the CCG and other SNHSW members should liaise with them if they come across Great Manchester developments.
- Can we build up a picture of ALL NHS contracts in Stockport including services commissioned by NHS England and on a Greater Manchester basis?
ACTION: RT will talk to his contacts re: sources of information, RK will look at NHS England websites and if anyone else has any ideas/sources please help.

- HealthWatch Stockport has been out of action since the start of the year as a result of a big funding cut and having to move premises. There have been no Core group meetings of Healthwatch in 2015. This is worrying given what is going on and HealthWatch's statutory role in scrutinising the NHS. RK has tried to contact their new office on a number of occasions and has e-mailed Tony Stokes. (Subsequent to the meeting RK has received a reply from TS which indicates that things should start happening again from August onwards).
ACTION: RK will try to find out what is happening and attend meetings as and when they resume.

“Collaboration with other organisations”

- There was a discussion about Stockport United (SU) and SNHSW's relationship with it. It was accepted that we should collaborate with SU and publicise and support each other's activity but that SNHSW should keep its own identity, leadership and focus. We should keep up to date with SU and its campaigning.
There is a meeting of SU at the Town Hall on Thursday 23 July at 7pm to defend against cuts to Mental Health services and closure of the Well Being Centre in Chestergate (Owen Jones has been invited plus local speakers).
ACTION: DH will keep SNHSW in touch with SU.
- Members should try to find out more about other NHS campaigning groups in Greater Manchester and contacts with a view to exploring opportunities for collaboration.
ACTION: TG to co-ordinate this.

6. Future activities and Campaigns

- NHS Re-instatement Bill (Caroline Lucas)
ACTION: RT/TT to arrange to meet Andrew Gwynne and then (maybe) Mary Robinson and William Wragg.
- William Wragg election expenses.
ACTION: RT/TT to investigate.
- Results of the re-organisation of the GM hospitals are due to be announced on 15 July. If there are possible negative effects on Stockport we may need to convene a special meeting to review the situation.
ACTION: Will depend on the outcome of the proposed re-organisation.
- The Tory Party conference is in Manchester 4 to 7 October. We should urgently explore ideas for publicity/ protests re. the NHS. The best date for an event may be Saturday 26th September.
ACTION: TT to gather ideas for this pre-conference event and find out what other organisations are planning.
- A new leaflet is being prepared as well as new material for demos (the cake and other existing material is getting past it!).
ACTION: JW to co-ordinate this with support from LH and PP.

7. Membership

- Once the date and details of our pre-Tory conference event in Manchester are finalised they should be circulated by e-mail to the full list of SNHSW members encouraging them to be involved.
ACTION: TG to liaise with TT and e-mail the membership list.
- After the Tory conference (at our October meeting) we should discuss ideas for a social event to both expand the membership of SNHSW and energise existing supporters.
ACTION: Item for our October meeting – ideas welcome from everyone.
- It was confirmed that the Magnet pub would be the venue for future monthly meetings and we would use their upstairs room if we can get it free (or for minimal cost).
ACTION: TT to confirm the room with the Magnet. Details below.

Next meetings: The Magnet Pub, A6 Stockport

Thursday, 10th September at 7.30pm

Thursday, 8th October at 7.30pm

Wednesday, 11th November at 7.30pm

Wednesday, 9th December at 7.30pm

**Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 10 September 2015
The Magnet Pub, A6 Stockport 7.30pm**

Attending: Jack Wrigley, Liz Harlow, Ian Barker, Marj Owen, Dave Owen, Andy Wedderburn, Rod Kilgour, Brian Preece, Elaine Preece, Debbie Hind, Sandy Broadhurst, Graham Tricky Chair: Paul Leake (PL)

1. Welcome & 2. Apologies

PL opened the meeting and received apologies from Peter Phillips, Tom Gillespie, Ray Tallis and Terry Tallis

3. Minutes of previous meeting were approved. There were no matters arising.

4. Reports:

SCCG

Ian Barker (IB) referred the meeting to Graham Trickey's email of 9 September about the SCCG board meeting of the same date. In brief: SCCG facing financial problems and more responsibilities to be loaded on to GPs. On Devo Manc, GT reported: "Ranjit Gill told us things 'will crystallise' in November. It was 'highly political' and there were 'layers of confidentiality', such that he could not remember what he was allowed to say to whom."

Stockport Together:

PL and Andy Wedderburn (AW) had been to an event, which although there was more opportunity for interaction than previous ones – AW felt that it was just a case of going through the motions of consultation.

On Devo Manc – it appeared that Stockport would have to refer to a higher level. There was no consistency of approach. Stockport wanted GPs to do more, Salford was opposed. The Stockport representative said they would do what they thought was best for patients. Shadow committees would be set up during 2015-16 as Devo Manc was rolled out.

Privatisation was glossed over – the role of third sector providers was "to be determined".

AW tried to raise the issue of CCG transparency on bidding for contracts etc, but received no real answer.

Elaine Preece (EP) had gone to another event, where attendees were split into workshops. The agenda had promised the opportunity for questions – which never happened. There was no mention of funding allocations, per capita or otherwise. There was no information about whether funds would go to Manchester for distribution.

EP had asked about the proposed "vanguard areas" and whether these would be evaluated after a trial period. They would not – the idea would be implemented by 16 December.

GPs were to be pressurised into reducing hospital referrals.

Debbie Hind commented that Tameside was also unable to answer questions on the level of funding and autonomy for local CCGs.

Devo Manc

Ian Barker added that the last Healthier Together meeting had been asked about Devo Manc. It appeared that it had not been taken into account and there was no information on how it would work. There was to be some public consultation in October. IB would try and attend.

Rod Kilgour (RK) mentioned the King's Fund document on the July budget which shows the government moving towards devolution deals in several areas. This could be expanded in the Autumn Statement (25 November).

The Cities and Local Government Bill was designed to allow the election of mayors and devolve responsibility for housing, transport and planning; it did not originally include health.

The House of Lords had raised the issue of accountability and had tabled an amendment re stronger safeguards for the NHS. This could be reversed by the Commons.

RK also thought that powers for joint commissioning was a blank sheet for areas to arrange co-commissioning in any form they thought fit.

DH added that Leeds was going for devolution.

Brian Preece thought Devo Manc would be underfunded, resulting in Labour councils getting blamed for delivering Tory cuts.

Dave Owen was concerned that there had never been a test of public opinion on these devolution deals.

EP commented that a lot of labour politicians are in favour of Devo Manc. She had emailed Lucy Powell (Lab, Manchester Central), Andy Burnham and Andrew Gwynne about this – only Gwynne had replied. He said the deal was not what was expected, but will wait and see what happens.

The meeting discussed the main movers behind Devo Manc: Howard Bernstein, Chief Executive, Manchester City Council and Simon Stevens, Chief Executive, NHS England - neither of whom are elected.

EP thought that commissioning would be based on the cheapest option and BP was concerned about inadequate monitoring.

IB added that Jane Crombleholme seemed to be in the dark about what was happening.

GT said that Ranjit Gill was not keeping JC informed. CCG officials know what is going on, but the CCG Board doesn't.

Suggested actions: Press release about the lack of transparency.

Name names about who is involved.

FOI request to the CCG.

IB quoted a reply from the Strategic Director, Health and Social Care, Greater Manchester, who said: "CCG chief officers and chairs will be up to date and feeding back to local boards".

Sandy Broadhurst (SB) was concerned about who was making decisions. How are councils represented? BP wanted to know how appointments were made.

RK listed the members of the Health and Social Care Programme Board – which included no elected representatives.

PL suggested that SNHSW ask about the public being kept in the dark – will this result in a fait accompli which CCGs will have to live with?

RK thought that all the funds would go into central pot and then it would be decided how much Stockport would receive.

SB thought SNHSW needed to discover more about the board members and whether any of them might be co-operative. We needed to know how much money was available and how it would be distributed.

BP thought Devo Manc was a Greater Manchester issue, not just a Stockport issue, and SNHSW should combine with other groups on this.

PL thought the needs of Stockport could be subsumed by Devo Manc. SNHSW needed assurances that this won't be the case.

SB thought that it could be tackled via Area Committees. A friendly Area Committee could allow SNHSW to speak and a councillor could put a resolution forward.

DO raised the claim that there would be regular engagement with patients etc. EP and IB thought that workshops and bulletins would be deemed consultation.

Action: RK to discover more about the board members.
SNHSW members to contact other groups across Greater Manchester
RK to discover what is happening in House of Lords
BP to find a N.West peer that SNHSW could talk to

All these issues would be discussed further at the next meeting on 8 October.

SCCG

The announcement that Stepping Hill would become the fourth specialist hospital under Healthier Together had resulted in a challenge from Wythenshawe. IB said that all the representatives from the CCGs had voted for Stockport.

DH had requested a list of all the services privatised in Stockport since the 2012 Act. The reply only mentioned Optegra's contract for Wet Macular Degeneration.

RK explained that there was a database of NHS contracts – but it was difficult to analyse because of its size. BP offered to look into this.

GT noted that there were 20 – 30 private providers listed on the CCG's website that lists monthly payments.

Leaflets/ publicity

Ray Tallis and Peter Phillips were discussing a future leaflet.

Jack Wrigley had done a prototype for the business card, discussed at the previous meeting, and was looking into prices.

Tory conference

The building of the coffin for 4 October was progressing. JW, IB and BP would be act as pallbearers.

DH had acquired a megaphone. EP had a drum.

EP would look into organising a mini-bus, but needed to know numbers.

People's Assembly had been approached about RT speaking on 6 October – awaiting reply.

There would be leafletting outside Laura Ashley on 19 September.

HealthWatch (HW)

RK reported that things were very quiet at HealthWatch, which had suffered cuts. The monthly meetings were no longer happening. The quarterly reviews were set to resume in the autumn – RK would investigate. HW was supposed to be setting up a group to “look at the CCG”. RK would contact Tony Stokes about this and how HW might be affected by Devo Manc.

Due to the amount of time spent discussing the implications of Devo Manc, the rest of the agenda was postponed until the next meeting (8 October).

**Minutes of meeting held Tuesday, 8 October 2015
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Attending: Jack Wrigley, Brian Preece, Ray Tallis, Ian Barker, Tom Gillespie, Graham Trickey, Rod Kilgour, Debbie Hind.
Chair: Terry Tallis (TT)

1. Welcome & 2. Apologies

TT opened the meeting and received apologies from Liz Harlow, Andy Wedderburn, Paul Leake.

3. Previous minutes & 4. Matters arising

- Minutes of the previous meeting were passed.
- There was a discussion about the venue and date of future meetings. If the numbers stayed at the recent levels (12 to 15) it would be feasible to have the meetings at someone's house (Tallis's?). The issue of the best evening is an on-going problem as our members are busy people with lots of demands on their time! It was agreed to leave the next meeting at the Magnet on the agreed date of Wednesday 11th November and review again at that meeting.
- It was agreed that it would be desirable to increase the number of more active members and with this end in mind we will send a notification e-mail to everyone on our database ahead of each monthly meeting and would promote a specific topic for each meeting. In this e-mail we should ask for feedback and suggestions from members. TT to co-ordinate.

5. Reports/Actions

- CCG: Ian/Graham believed that it was worth them continuing to attend/monitor Stockport CCG meetings. There has been a low degree of co-operation from the CCG and Freedom of Information requests have not been productive and as a result progress has been limited. Also see next section.
ACTION: IB/GT will continue to monitor the CCG.
- Devo Manc: Commissioning is moving towards a Greater Manchester model and this is likely to accelerate with the impact Devo Manc on the NHS. Scrutiny will be more difficult unless open reporting and meetings are developed on a Greater Manchester basis.
ACTIONS:
IB/GT will monitor developments particularly via the CCG.
RK will liaise with Cheadle Labour Party.
TT will try to set up a meeting with Andrew Gwynne.
EP/BP will contact Jeff Smith MP and councillors in Withington constituency.
BP/RT will contact Joan Bakewell in the House of Lords.
- Tory Conference: An excellent show by SNHSW, lots of good photos plus a video/song on YouTube. TT asked for the Group's appreciation of the hard work by Debbie, Peter, Jack and everyone else involved to be recorded.

6. Publicity

- Website: Photos and video from the Tory conference (including the Castlefield basin meeting) to be posted. JW
- Calling cards: Artwork finalised, JW to check funds with LH and order from printers.
- Press Publicity: DH/SB to continue their excellent work getting letters published.

7. Contact with other groups

- DH has been working with Stockport United Against Austerity on the Save the Well-being Centre campaign. A 2500 signature petition has been presented to the council's Central Area Committee and will be going to the full council. Grants from the council and the CCG to keep the centre running are being progressed. DH will continue to work with SUAA.
- TT attended a meeting in Birmingham on 19 September of a Network of NHS Campaigning groups. Groups will liaise regarding issues and effective campaigning tactics. A key tactic is to identify the key decision makers for each issue and focus campaigning activity on them. TT will keep the group informed on material from the Network.
- RK reported that Healthwatch seems to have scaled down dramatically and there have been no meetings or detailed reports (apart from one newsletter) during 2015. RK will try to contact Tony Stokes to find out what is going on.

8. Future Action

- NHS Re-instatement Bill (Caroline Lucas). Expected to come to parliament next March. RT will find out what is going on and plan to approach the 4 Stockport MP's at the appropriate time.
- TTIP. There is a new 38 degrees petition which the group should support. RT to get an update on the situation and consider an approach to the 4 Stockport MPs.
- Junior doctors contract campaign. RT will keep the group informed on progress and how we can support them.
- Analysis of CCG expenditure. RK/BP have been looking at the potential to analyse in depth the contract expenditure of the Stockport (and other) CCGs. Analysis is possible but not easy. IB/GT did not see a pressing need for this currently. RK will explore any expenditure analysis that is available through the NHS Support Federation.

Next meetings: The Magnet Pub, A6 Stockport at 7.30pm

Wednesday, 11th November

Wednesday, 9th December

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 10 December 2015 Tallis's, 5 Valley Road, Bramhall

Attending: Jack Wrigley, Brian Preece, Ray Tallis, Ian Barker, Tom Gillespie, Andy Wedderburn, Rod Kilgour, Debbie Hind, Paul Leake, Graham Trickey,
Chair: Terry Tallis (TT)

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence: Wendy Darling, Peter Phillips, Elaine Preece
3. Minutes of previous meeting: Approved, matters arising dealt with in items below.
4. Action

Devo Manc

Various briefing documents have been circulated but a lot of important detail is still missing (since our 10 Dec meeting a Strategic Plan document has been issued, it includes sections on finances and public engagement).

IB has got agreement to a meeting with Warren Heppolette (Strategic Director, H&SC Reform) and will try and fix a date, venue and agreement to how many to attend from SNHSW.

Once a date has been agreed we should arrange a pre-meeting to agree who should attend and the questions we should ask. (IB/TT)

Support for junior doctors

The dispute has been referred to ACAS and industrial action postponed to January pending progress with negotiations. We will plan to support if action does go ahead in January.

NHS Re-instatement Bill (Caroline Lucas)

RT to circulate a summary of the Bill. We should refresh our campaigning material including a leaflet specific to the Bill. We should approach the 4 Stockport MPs with Andrew Gwynne the first and highest priority. Contact Caroline Lucas to find out her campaign plans? Contact 38 Degrees (Stockport Health Section) about running an on-line petition.

Working with other groups

TT to liaise with DH regarding on-going collaboration with SUAA.

TT awaiting outcome of the KNOP election.

Meeting with Heidi Alexander (Labour Shadow NHS)

This is an Activists Network meeting at the Houses of Parliament on the evening of 14 January. BP/AW will attend on behalf of SNHSW.

Wythenshawe Hospital future plans

A judicial review of the decision is expected in December (now expected in January) .
Review when the result is available.

Reports

CCG

IB/GT reported that the CCG had asked if SNHSW wanted to make an input on the issue of engagement with the public in Stockport on Public Health issues. Opinions were divided on whether we should or should not explore this invitation so after discussion it was put to a vote which was in favour of talking to the CCG about but proceeding with caution (eg. what public health issues are they talking about, how would we interact with the CCG and are they being serious). IB to explore.

Publicity

500 contact cards being printed at an estimated cost of £50. Check the state of our finances with LH.

Case Histories

Given the on-going importance of campaigning against privatisation it was agreed we should put together details of failed privatisation relevant to Stockport and Greater Manchester. Arriva and outsourced Mental Health services were thought to be the most relevant local examples. RK/IB will look at the information that is available. We should also look for "headlines" about MAJOR privatisation failures across England.

Website

Website and Facebook are being kept up-to-date. Details of how we promote SNHW meetings on the site will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Mental Health

Due to be discussed at the December meeting but was not. Roll over to January?

Healthwatch

Showing slightly more sign of activity but role uncertain under DevoManc. RK will continue to monitor what Healthwatch is doing but the fact that the acting chair Sue Carroll is a close political associate of the Cheadle MP, Mary Robinson, is not encouraging. Options to consider are: seek to collaborate, criticise, ignore or maybe do all of these at different times.

Meetings 2016

TG/TT to visit the Arden Arms and if suitable arrange dates and circulate.

**The next meeting of SNHSW is expected to be at the Arden Arms,
Stockport on Monday 11th January 2016**