

## Minutes of meeting held Monday 11 January 2016, Arden Arms, Stockport

Attending: Jack Wrigley, Brian Preece, Elaine Preece, Ray Tallis, Tom Gillespie, Andy Wedderburn, Rod Kilgour, Debbie Hind, Graham Trickey, Wendy Darling, Liz Harlow, Sandy Broadhurst, Sharza Dethick (Unite).  
Chair: Terry Tallis (TT)

### Welcome

Apologies for absence: Peter Phillips, Ian Barker, Paul Leake,  
Minutes of previous meeting: Approved, matters arising dealt with in items below.

### Action

#### Support for junior doctors

SNHSW will be at Stepping Hill Hospital at 8am tomorrow (12th Jan) to support the junior doctors. Thanks to Peter and Jack for their work preparing for this. 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. Labour's approach to the Lucas Bill is a key issue (see item D below) and the outcome of this meeting should be reported back ASAP.

#### KNOP

TT has been elected to the KNOP committee and will attend her first meeting in London on Friday 15 January. She believed that the new executive should be an improvement! She believed that a positive move for KNOP would be to approach high profile people to be KNOP "patrons" and would raise this on Friday. The meeting came up with a list of suggestions.

NHS Re-instatement Bill (Caroline Lucas)

RT has circulated a summary of key points from the Bill. The following actions were agreed:

RT/GT to contact 38 Degrees regarding national/local petitions to support the Lucas Bill.

Feedback from the Heidi Alexander meeting (item B). BP/AW

Build awareness and seek support for the Bill from Labour Party members across Stockport (this was raised by RT at the Cheadle Labour Party meeting on 13 Jan).

Plan to contact GM Labour Party MPs (Andy Burnham and Andrew Gwynne are high priorities). Liaise with unions. TT to co-ordinate.

SB to contact Momentum and GT/DH? to explore what the Green party is doing. The GM Tory MPs are a low priority and there are no Liberal MPs in GM.

RT will circulate a list of points to ask at meetings re. the Lucas Bill (done).

### Devo Manc

More detail is available now that the Strategic Plan document has been issued. RK will prepare a short summary of points that are of particular interest to SNHSW. RK will circulate a link to the full plan.

RK referred to a document that was circulated late in 2015 that clarified the formal responsibilities of the GM Mayor. H&SC was NOT one of them, however H&SC would be planned and managed on a GM basis and the Mayor and leaders of the GM councils would be part of the scrutiny and ratification process.

IB has got agreement to a meeting with Warren Heppollette (Strategic Director, H&SC Reform) and will fix a date, venue and agreement to how many to attend from SNHSW. (Now done, meeting fixed for 1 Feb, IB/GT/BP/RK attending, a pre-meeting is planned).

### Wythenshawe Hospital

#### Future Plans

The judicial review failed!

#### Reports

### CCG

Meeting held on 15 December, IB has circulated documents about commissioning from April 2016 which will start moving to a significant proportion of Greater Manchester commissioning.

Next meeting 13 January.

### Publicity

500 contact cards have been printed and are now being circulated and used. Plan for publicity for our Lucas Bill campaign (see item 4D above). TT/RT to co-ordinate.

### Case Histories

Not progressed. RK/IB will discuss what should be done.

### Website

Website and Facebook are being kept up-to-date.

Mental Health: Not discussed. Roll over to February?

### Healthwatch

Nothing to report.

### Meetings 2016

**Continue at the Arden Arms, Monday 8 February and Monday 14 March.**

**Note: In February we will try a 7pm start and plan to end by 9pm.**



## **Minutes of Meeting held Monday 8 February 2016 Arden Arms, Stockport Town Centre**

Attending: Jack Wrigley, Brian Preece, Elaine Preece, Ian Barker, Ray Tallis, Andy Wedderburn, Rod Kilgour, Debbie Hind, Chris Moore, Tony Carew, Graham Trickey, Wendy Darling, Liz Harlow, Sandy Broadhurst.  
Chair: Terry Tallis (TT)

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence: Tom Gillespie, Paul Leake,
3. Minutes of previous meeting: Approved, matters arising dealt with in items below.
4. Action

### **A. Support for junior doctors**

There was a good turnout at Stepping Hill Hospital on 12<sup>th</sup> January to support the junior doctors and SNHSW will be there on 10 February to support the further industrial action. Brian Preece will organise and Liz Harlow will post details on Facebook.

### **B. Meeting with Heidi Alexander (Labour Shadow Spokesperson NHS)**

BP/AW attended an Activists Network meeting at the Houses of Parliament on the evening of 14 January on behalf of SNHSW. They reported that this was a badly organised meeting and major NHS issues were not properly addressed. It appears that Heidi Alexander and the Labour Party will NOT be supporting the Lucas Bill. She expressed concern about the impact of TTIP on the NHS but did not appear to be clear on detail and Labour policy on this important issue. All very disappointing!

### **C. NHS Re-instatement Bill (Caroline Lucas)**

TT had feedback from KONP that Labour may be moving to support the Bill and TT/RT had a telephone conversation with Andrew Gwynne MP who said the same thing.

38 Degrees has a petition to Jeremy Corbyn asking for him to support the Bill and there another petition for people to ask their local MP to support the Bill. KONP is supporting these campaigns.

TT is liaising with KONP nationally and locally re. campaigning for the Lucas Bill (probably on the day of the vote, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March). There is expected to be action in London and the meeting discussed the possibility of a Greater Manchester "event" at Trafford General Hospital (the first NHS hospital) if there was interest from other Manchester groups (Unions, Students, Peoples Assembly, Stockport United etc.) and we thought we could get media coverage.

TT is organising local campaigning for the Lucas Bill which will involve petitions to be directed at the local MPs. TT to circulate details and check dates to see the local MPs (the

2 Tories are of lower priority). EP will contact Robert Twigg who will try and get Stockport Labour Councillors to put pressure on Ann Coffey to support the Lucas Bill and other NHS issues.

#### **D. Devo Manc**

IB/GT/AW/RK and Barbara Dorrity (Tameside mental health) saw Warren Heppolette (Strategic Director, H&SC Reform) on 1 February at his Manchester office for a 90 minute meeting. He was positive about what was happening to H&SC in Greater Manchester, we covered a lot of ground, he said he would be willing to keep in touch with SNHSW, however, he said there was uncertainty about his (and other peoples') roles as the plans start to be implemented during 2016. Interesting points from the discussion:

- It is clear that NHS England is very much in charge and that the roles of the GM Mayor and the GM Councils is for planning and consultation on health matters, the situation on social care is (probably) that the councils are still ultimately in control as it is their money.
- Warren admitted that there was still a lot of uncertainty about the baseline funding of the plan but that this would have to be resolved by March and a final financial plan issued for 2016/17 activity.
- The cost saving written into the plan were very ambitious and would require major re-organisations to implement. When pressed on risks he said that he was concerned that the programme management resource to manage all of this may fall short both in scale and quality. He did not say what would happen if the plan started falling short of its targets.
- He is in favour of transparency/public accountability but gave no detail of what is planned.

The discussion of DevoManc and what SNHSW should do about it was cut short as the Arden Arms jazz band was in full flow by this time!

### **5. Reports**

#### **A. CCG**

No meeting in February, next one 9 March.

#### **B. Publicity**

It was agreed that a new leaflet was need and that TT/JW/LH would work on it.

#### **C. Case Histories**

Not progressed. RK/IB will discuss what should be done.

#### **D. Website**

Website and Facebook are being kept up-to-date.

#### **E. Mental Health: Some positive news re. Pennine Mental Health and Stockport services.**

There is going to be a re-configuration of services but this would not involve any

compulsory redundancies or loss of front line services. Plans are being progressed to open a NEW Well Being centre. The meeting congratulated all who had been involved in the campaigning to protect mental health services.

## **6. Meetings 2016**

Continue to be held at the Arden Arms, Stockport, next meetings:

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> March starting at 6-30pm, plan to end 8-30pm.

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> April starting at 6-30pm, plan to end 8-30pm.



## **Minutes of Meeting held Monday 14 March 2016 Arden Arms, Stockport Town Centre**

Attending: Jack Wrigley, Brian Preece, Elaine Preece, Ian Barker, Ray Tallis, Andy Wedderburn, Rod Kilgour, Debbie Hind, Graham Trickey, Wendy Darling, Liz Harlow, Sandy Broadhurst, James Gill, Tom Gillespie, Mike Cain, Mari ???

Chair: Terry Tallis (TT)

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence: Dave and Marg Owen, Paul Leake
3. Minutes of previous meeting: Approved, matters arising dealt with in items below.
4. Action

### **Support for junior doctors**

There was a good turnout at Stepping Hill Hospital to support the latest junior doctors' action. TT expressed our thanks to Peter and Jack for organising props and photography. Two further 2 day actions are planned for Wed/Thurs 6/7 April and Wed/Thurs 26/27 April.

RT does not believe there are negotiations going on at present but doctors have commission a judicial review and are organising funding. RT will circulate details of what is going on.

### **Lucas Bill**

The second reading discussion of the Bill on 11 March was very reduced as a result of the Tories extending discussion of the previous bill and because a vote was NOT taken on the Lucas Bill there is uncertainty as to which local MPs were there (Ann Coffey was not!). The Bill is scheduled to return to the House on 22 April, members should try and find out more detail about what is likely to happen on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. There was extended discussion (and disgust) about the Labour Party's lack of support and campaigning for the NHS and poor response by the local MPs. A number of options were considered and voted on and the following actions agreed:

- We will publicise the campaigning SNHSW has done for the Lucas Bill including 1221 signatures of support across Stockport that were taken to the appropriate MPs local offices (accepted by three of the MPs but the fourth, Ann Coffey, would not meet SNHW).
- We will also publicise that we contacted all 27 Greater Manchester MP's, the 5 Tory MPs did not support the Bill but of the 22 Labour MPs only half responded and only 7 broadly supported the Bill. There was very little evidence of Labour support in Parliament on the 11<sup>th</sup>. We will publicise the next discussion of the Bill (22 April, to be confirmed), re-contact the GM Labour MPs and campaign as appropriate while the Lucas Bill is still progressing. After that we will need to review campaigning plans.

- Elaine Preece has tried to contact Jeremy Corbyn to get more action on the NHS and publicise the damage the Tories are doing. No progress yet but she will continue to try and raise the NHS with him.
- Our website and Facebook remain our most important publicity channels and should be kept up-to-date with our campaigning.

## 5. Reports

### **KONP**

TT has attended an executive meeting and raised the issue of branding and patrons which was positively received. GM KONP and the Peoples Assembly will be attending a meeting with a lawyer (Robert Lazar) who will give advice on campaigning using "Direct Action". TT will report back.

### **CCG and Devo Manc**

GT/IB have circulated a report from the latest CCG via Tom Gillespie. An update of the financial plan for GM NHS Devolution is due in March ahead of the GM plan starting to operate in April. TT/RK have attended a meeting of the GM Labour Campaigning Forum which is being set up ahead of the Mayoral election in 2017. The meeting was predominantly about the structure of the forum and electing officers and a committee. It remains to be seen whether it will be of any value for NHS campaigning.

### **Website and Facebook**

Website and Facebook are being kept up-to-date very effectively by Jack and Liz and are a vital part of our campaigning activity.

### **EU referendum**

Brian Preece encouraged members to campaign for the stay in Europe campaign. This would be on an individual basis as it is not appropriate for SNHSW to campaign on this issue.

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**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May starting at 6-30pm, plan to end 8-30pm.**



## **Minutes of Meeting held Monday 11 April 2016 Arden Arms, Stockport Town Centre**

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There was a discussion about Viaduct Health, specifically what is it and what services are they providing now and into the future. (RK has circulated a short note about Viaduct, they are a not for profit multi-service community provider, set up and run by Stockport GPs, currently offering spirometry and blood pressure monitoring with other services planned. There is a document about their plans on their website [www.viaducthealth.org.uk](http://www.viaducthealth.org.uk) )

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**Chair:** Terry Tallis (TT)

### **1. Welcome**

**2. Apologies for absence:** Elaine Preece

**3. Minutes of previous meeting:** Corrections – Item 4, Support for Junior Doctors: There WAS press coverage. Item 5, CCG and Devo Manc: IB has not received any questions for Andy Johnson and will not contact him unless questions are received. Members to respond.

### **4. Action**

#### **Support for junior doctors**

Support for the action on the two days of Wed/Thurs 26/27 April when ALL junior doctor cover was withdrawn was good. Junior doctors were present but their mood seemed to be subdued.

The SNHSW meeting on 3 May at the Arden Arms was well attended BUT although local junior had been invited none were present. A petition supporting junior doctors has been organised and is underway.

Ray Tallis spoke at an event in Leeds that was well attended. There was an associated march and some publicity.

There was a good turnout for the People's Assembly march in London and some publicity.

As talks on the junior doctors' contract have been resumed, activity by SNHSW on this issue has been suspended.

#### **CCG and DevoManc**

Concern has been expressed about – the quality of the ambulance service, long waiting times for the III service, potential concern about the clash of interest between Stockport GPs being involved in the commissioning of services that they may be involved in supplying.

We should investigate what is happening to the ambulance service and also find out more about the III service and who is delivering it.

No progress getting Dr Andy Johnson of the CCG to a SNHSW meeting as IB has received no response to his request for member questions.

Re. DevoManc IB has sent a letter to Warren Hepplette (who we met on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb) asking for an update on progress and a possible follow up meeting. He has acknowledged the letter and will send a short response and a possible follow up meeting.

**Note:** WH's response has now been received and details are attached as an Appendix to the minutes of the Monday 13 June meeting.

### **Pharmacy Services**

Concern expressed about malpractice at Boots as report in a recent (long!) Guardian article. <http://www.theguardian.com/news/2016/apr/13/how-boots-went-rogue>

There are also two petitions regarding proposed cutbacks to the number of pharmacists, there is an e-petition to parliament and one by the National Pharmacy Association which has achieved over 1 million signatures. Also reported in the Guardian <http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2016/may/01/petition-against-pharmacy-closures-gets-a-million-signatures>

RK will look into this and at the next meeting we will decide whether this issue should be raised with the CCG.

## **5. Reports**

### **KONP**

TKONP and Health Campaigns Together have been asked by John McDonald to set up a group to advise on Labour health service policy. 7 to 10 people have been suggested, the choice of people and the topics yet to be agreed. TT will report on progress and whether we could have any form of input.

### **Legal Advice**

TT has arranged a meeting for SNHSW to meet with Simon Pook, a lawyer with knowledge of the issues involved with "direct action" protests. Location will be Quaker Meeting House in Stockport, on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Members to prepare hypothetical scenarios to discuss.

(At the end of our 9 May meeting a message was received that Simon Pook had turned up on the 9<sup>th</sup> rather than the 11<sup>th</sup>, TT to sort out).

### **Stockport against Mental Health Cuts (SAMHC)**

- ∞ QCC inspection taking place, input from SAMHC who are bringing in other relevant mental health groups.
- ∞ A Manchester Legal Aid unit is being set up, Stockport is exploring ways of linking up with this.
- ∞ A Housing Group is working on the issue of homeless people and providing facilities to support them.
- ∞ The proposal for a new Wellbeing Centre has gone out to tender.

### **Publicity, Website and Facebook**

- ∞ Payment for website now due, there has been a problem with making payments which Liz is sorting out. The website is still working and Jack and Graham were thanked for their work.
- ∞ Thanks to Peter for the junior doctors placards.

- ∞ Wendy got a letter published in a local paper.
- ∞ Our funds stand at about £500 so we can afford to produce campaigning material if required.

### **Activity in the second half of 2016**

- ∞ What is going on in terms of privatisation including services privatised in Stockport and examples of privatisation failures locally and across England. The production of a sticker that states that a service has been privatised should be considered. The organisation of short high impact demonstrations at high visibility venues to generate media/social media coverage should be explored.
- ∞ Is Labour going to produce a new health service bill and if so what input can we make?
- ∞ The impact of the recent local elections on health and social care in Stockport. Should we try and get someone from the council to one of our meetings?
- ∞ Campaigning about Boots and other pharmacy issues?
- ∞ How can we get better organised at putting pressure on Stockport and other Greater Manchester MPs?
- ∞ Further campaigning for junior doctors will depend on the outcome of the planned ballot.

### **6. Meetings 2016**

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**Monday, 13th June starting at 6-00pm, plan to end 8-30pm.**

**Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> July starting at 6-00pm, plan to end 8-30pm.**

**No August meeting.**

**Jack and Debbie to look into a summer canal boat trip.**

**TT to explore having our Xmas meal at the Arden Arms.**



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**Attending:** Ian Barker, Rod Kilgour, Sandy Broadhurst, Deborah Hind, Jack Wrigley, Mary Owen, Dave Owen

**Chair:** Liz Harlow (LH)

### **1. Welcome**

**2. Apologies for absence:** Elaine & Brian Preece, Ray & Terry Tallis, Graham Trickey, Wendy Darling, Andy Wedderburn, Paul Leake, Peter Phillips

**3. Minutes of previous meeting:** Approved

### **4. Action**

#### **Support for junior doctors**

Activity by SNHSW on this issue has been suspended pending the outcome of the ballot on the contract proposals on 6<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **CCG**

The quality of the ambulance service, long waiting times for the I I I service, potential concern about the clash of interest between Stockport GPs being involved in the commissioning of services that they may be involved in supplying were all discussed at the May meeting. GT was not at the meeting and there was no further information re. these issues. GT's report on feedback from the CCG is dealt with in section 5 (below) and the CCG's statin policy is discussed in section 6.

#### **DevoManc**

Re. DevoManc IB has sent a letter to Warren Hepplette (who we met on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb) asking for an update on progress and a possible follow up meeting. WH's response has now been received and is attached as Appendix A to these minutes as are IB's comments. The view was that we should seek a further meeting with WH but only after we had digested information we had available and clarified what we want from him.

IB mentioned a meeting re. DevoManc at Manchester Business School on 16 June.

#### **Pharmacy Services**

An update on the Boots situation was tabled by David Owen, reporting the continued pressure they are coming under. Their UK Head, Simon Roberts has very recently "resigned". No information about Stockport CCG's involvement in pharmacy services. Review at next meeting?

### **5. Reports**

#### **KONP**

As TT was not present it was agreed to defer discussion of KONP and advice on the legal issues raised by “Direct Action” until the July meeting.

## **CCG**

GT’s exchange of e-mails with Gaynor Mullins about the impact of DevoManc on Stockport CCG’s commissioning and the provision of services in Stockport are in Appendix B (below)

## **Publicity, Website and Facebook**

- ∞ JW reported that the website is up-to-date. Payment for website is still unresolved.
- ∞ Our funds stand at about £500 so we can afford to produce campaigning material if required.

## **5. New Issues/Action**

### ∞ **Working with Stockport Council**

The new Labour leader of Stockport Council, Alex Ganotis, had asked for input to Council policy making on H&SC from SNHSW. A special meeting on this was convened at the Tallis’s at which it was agreed that the top short term issue should be Mental Health. Input should be sought from Irene Harris and Clare McCrystal. RT will pull together a short document on our priorities and how we can work with Alex G.

### ∞ **CCG Statin Policy**

The meeting agreed that the decision by Stockport CCG to save money by reducing the prescribing of Statins to below the NICE guidelines was a major issue and that SNHSW should urgently implement a campaign to protest against this cut.

Link to Pulse article, 2 June 2016 <http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/clinical/prescribing/gps-told-to-ignore-nice-statin-prescribing-guidance-in-cost-cutting-drive/20031977.article>

The following actions were proposed:

1. The CCG AGM is on Wednesday 6 July, 1-15 to 2-45pm @ Cheshire Conference Centre (Stockport County Ground). Application for places required (how many and who from SNHSW should attend the meeting). Need to check the meeting format, is there a slot for questions? We can have as many as we want with placards etc. outside the meeting.
2. We should seek as much media coverage as possible – TV, papers etc.
3. We should approach all four Stockport MPs as soon as possible and Stockport Council (via Alex Ganotis?).
4. Peter Phillips had produced placard designs, the meeting agreed to go ahead with 6 placards (3 designs, two of each). DH suggested that we produce a roll-up banner featuring our logo and slogan(s) in time for the meeting. LH confirmed we had sufficient funds for this.
5. We will need to convene a special meeting ASAP to progress this in time for 6 July.

### ∞ **Engage/support local GPs**

Deferred to next meeting

## **6. Social activity**

∞ There is availability for a canal boat trip on Sunday 24 July (viability and cost uncertain until we establish the level of interest). LH will send an e-mail to all members via Tom G (this has been done).

∞ Xmas meal at the Arden Arms suggested for Monday 12 December. Follow up at next meeting.

## **7. Future meetings**

**Arden Arms, Stockport, next meeting, Monday, 11th July starting at 6-00pm, plan to end 8-30pm.**

**Note earlier start 6pm No August meeting.**

**APPENDIX A: Response by Warren Heppolette via Ian Barker, April/May 2016 ( item 4, above)**

**E-mails between Ian Barker and Warren Heppolette re. the GM health & Social Care Partnership**

Hi Rod & Terry,

Warren has come back today with this note and attachments about HealthDevoManc. As several people at the last SNHSW meeting showed interest, perhaps include the email with the minutes? Ian.

Hi Ian

Am hoping we are still sourcing a date for a catch up (if we don't have a date in the diary already). In the meantime I can offer some initial comments on your queries.

**Team**

Following the confirmation of the appointment of Jon Rouse as the new chief officer, Jon will progress the early task of finalising the structure and appointing the team. Most of the team now are assigned from NHS England with a minority still seconded.

**Budget**

An updated strategic plan recognising that allocations have been confirmed since the draft and the outputs of the Taking Charge Together work will go to the Partnership Board in May. The Transformation Fund of course is a one off 5 year sum and will be used to support the transition to the new models of care. That won't simply translate as staff costs as the use of the Fund cannot sit on top of mainstream funding, it has to change it. It has to fund the creation of new service models which are then funded from mainstream budgets when the Fund stops. We therefore need to see the GM Strategic Plan and Locality Plans reflected in the mainstream budgets and planning for each GM partner (LAs, CCGs and provider organisations). I've attached a paper to describe this in a bit more detail.

**Joint Commissioning Board meetings**

Early work has been to set a key strategic document to help the JCB progress its role with some clear principles in mind (see attached commissioning document). This should give a good flavour of priorities and how it will operate. We have still to formally establish the Board with clear delegations for specific commissioning responsibilities. That is starting to happen now and will lead the establishment of the JCB as a public meeting. In the meantime the best source of information about the detail of what is coming up is the partnership board which of course does meet in public and is co-ordinating the headlines of strategy implementation and some of the big work programmes (eg considering the Mental Health Strategy). That is a real source of the detail of what is coming up and in what order.

**Public involvement**

I've attached a short summary of what we gathered in from the Taking Charge Together exercise. The key thing here is that this carries on and the Jan-March work is our start rather than a 3 month project which now closes.

**Name change**

Simple response here – the Partnership Team title just reflects what it is – not an organisation, not a strategic health authority but a partnership body with the task of facilitating the joint work necessary to drive the strategy.

Hope that helps a bit and look forward to catching up where we might put a bit more flesh on the bones

Warren Heppolette | Strategic Director, Health & Social Care Reform  
Greater Manchester Health & Social Care Partnership

Date: Fri, 22 Apr 2016 11:18:24 +0100

From: Ian Barker

To: Heppolette Warren (NHS CENTRAL MANCHESTER CCG)

CC: Norman Claire (NHS GREATER MANCHESTER COMMISSIONING SUPPORT UNIT)

Dear Warren,

Now that we're a couple of weeks into April and therefore would expect a fully formed GMHSC organisation!, I thought I'd ask for an update on a few topics from our meeting in February.

I'm assuming here that you continue in your role, but ask first about your position?

..... as you pointed out that there were very few GMHSCDevo direct staff and most people involved were on short term secondments or contracts.

### **Budget**

At our meeting we spent some time looking at the Strategic Plan including the waterfall picture, on p48 of <http://www.gmhealthandsocialcaredevo.org.uk/assets/GM-Strategic-Plan-Final.pdf>

With allocations known you were hoping to issue a new Plan in March. Is this available now?

(Stockport CCG as recently as 30th March were still pointing to the Dec2015 doc.)

Secondly, a Transition Fund of £450M was expected over 5 years, with £60M in the first year. A thought after our meeting was that as I expect the great bulk of this money would be on wages, the £60M might equate to 1000 or 2000 staff - who are these people and are they available to make the Transition happen?

### **Joint Commissioning Board meetings**

Although as you explained, the various CCGs will still commission most things separately from the JCB, the JCB will commission some. The JCB's discussion paper & ToR of Dec 2015 said the JCB will have "significant commissioning responsibility".

The Feb25th bulletin no12 gave some of the items as:

- specialised services such as cardiac surgery,
- specialised cancer services, renal dialysis for adults,
- HIV services and a range of others;
- dental, optical and community pharmacy services;
- screening and immunisation services.

Is there any more detail on these please?

Is there a timescale for these and any other things that might be in the pipeline?

Claire confirmed soon after our meeting that the Joint Commissioning Board meetings are due to be held in public from April, when they come out of shadow running. Is there a timetable for these meetings?

In particular, how can the public get long distance visibility of any commissioning in the pipeline and the opportunity to see & understand the machinations of the JCB, in sufficient time for them to be able to influence the decisions?

### **Public involvement**

I recall your comment "We're committed to making sure the public can shape this massive opportunity for our region."

At our meeting you and Claire talked of publicity in Feb and March, through various channels such as Key103, a media bus, MEN, videos and a heavy reliance on Facebook. You were hoping to collect the ideas, energy and collective intelligence of the 2,800,000 residents including the 100,000 working in H&SC.

In your 6,000 responses to 'Taking Charge Together' did you get the innovative ideas that you were hoping for from the public? Is there any document showing all the input and comments that the public made?

What further are you wanting to get from:

<http://www.gmhsc.org.uk/news/gm-devo-tell-us-what-you-know/> running to May 4th

<http://www.gmhsc.org.uk/tell-us-what-you-think/> (is this to May 21st?)

### **Name change**

I note in yesterday's bulletin no 14, the change in name from GMHSCDevo to GM HSC Partnership.

Is the new name to recognise the partnership between Health on the one hand and Social Care on the other, together with the co-operation across the Hospitals and across CCGs of Greater Manchester

OR

is it to recognise that HSC has not been fully devolved to Manchester but that NHEngland and other country wide bodies still have a significant role and say in what Manchester is allowed to do?

Best regards, Ian.

**(NOTE: There are supporting documents from WH available if anyone wants more detail. RK)**

### **Appendix B: E-mails, Graham Trickey & Gaynor Mullins of Stockport CCG, May/June 2016**

I have received the following responses via Gaynor Mullins to my questions about Stockport Together. Note MCP is the Multi Specialty Community Provider which is Stockport Together but not Stockport Together because of the need to have a purchaser/provider split. The responses say something about decision-making and particularly commissioning though still fairly unclear particularly about what decisions go to the Integrated Commissioning Board rather than the CCG or the Council. There is reference to an Executive/Programme Board whose membership is not specified here (though it may have been elsewhere). The statement that there will be no change to the range of hospital services offered is qualified by the explanation that more patients will not be referred. Consultant Connect is a less draconian version of the previously proposed system whereby consultants would assess patients remotely. I don't understand what is now being said about the commissioning of district nursing services, viz have the CCG and Stepping Hill found a way of not having to put them out to tender? Regarding transparency, all we are offered are future minutes of the Programme Board.

The responses aren't much help towards gaining an idea of what rationing of care may take place; what further private involvement there will be in elective care; and what reductions in hospital provision (under Healthier Together and Devo Manc) will occur.

Graham

**From: Mullins Gaynor (NHS STOCKPORT CCG)  
2016 12:31 PM**

**Sent: Friday, June 03,**

**To: Graham Trickey      Subject: RE: Questions about Stockport Together  
Hi Graham**

Please find below the responses to the questions you raised. If you have any queries please contact me. Gaynor

**How will decisions be made within Stockport Together and how will we know what they are?**

Stockport Together is not an organisation and will not make decisions that are fundamental and above what any individual executive could make in their own organisation. The Executive Board meets as the Programme Board monthly and will publish minutes going forward on the Stockport Together Website. It has the power to endorse and recommend new service models to the respective organisations. These will then be approved (or not) by the Governing Body or the Health & Social Care Integrated Commissioning Board and reported to the Governing Body. Key procurement decisions will take place outside Stockport Together and be reported as now through the Governing Body.

**What commissioning will take place and how - including for district nursing and community mental health services?**

The services of the MCP will either be commissioned by the CCG, the new Health & Care Integrated Commissioning Board or Council. District nursing services will be within the construct of the MCP and not commissioned as a separate service. Changes to the model of care will follow the process described above. Ultimately the same will be the case for community mental health services. However in 2016-17 we are investing an extra 5.9% available for mental health services much of which will go into the community teams. This is in advance of the MCP formation and will be undertaken by the normal CCG routes and updates on progress will be reported through the Governing Body. Most of this change will be expansion to existing arrangements and/or strengthening the sustainability of existing services.

**What will be the role of the Joint Commissioning Board?**

The Joint Commissioning Board within the integrated commissioning arrangements for Stockport is the management level function which will ensure that the day-to-day management of commissioning is in line with the strategic direction agreed by the Health & Care Integrated Commissioning Board (HCICB). It will make sure that plans, contract management, procurement, performance management and assessment of quality are all managed effectively and will ensure that the HCICB has the necessary reports to undertake its strategic monitoring and assurance role. There is a Joint Commissioning Board as part of the Greater Manchester arrangements, but I have assumed this question relates to the local JCB?

**What changes will there be to hospital services and access to those services?**

There are no planned changes through Stockport Together on the range of services offered by hospitals. However, two types of change should come about through our work. Firstly fewer people should need a hospital admission or if they do for a shorter length of time as we look to significantly strengthen services in the community enabling them to proactively prevent deterioration, respond rapidly to support crises, and to help people recover better after hospital. Secondly, we are looking to reduce the number of traditional outpatient appointments significantly by providing alternatives within their neighbourhood often through better use of technology. Consultant Connect is an example allowing patients and GPs access to consultant advice within the GP appointment time and without having to attend an outpatient appointment.

**If services are removed from the hospital setting how will they be provided and how will this be decided?**

There are range of ways alternatives can be provided, some as mentioned above using technology, others through existing appointments to a GP, some via specialist nurses or consultants working in the community. The decisions will be made through joint teams of clinicians and managers developing ideas with patients and recommending them to the Executive Board who will endorse and propose them to the various organisations such as the CCG Governing Body who will make final decisions.

### **Will Viaduct Care commission services from GPs; from others?**

Viaduct Care is a primary care provider organisation and not a commissioner, and it will not routinely commission services from other organisations. There may be instances where it sub-contracts (with the agreement of the commissioner) some aspects of the services that we commission from it.

### **What is the role of care assistants within integrated care?**

They are the equivalent of care assistants in a number of areas and organisations. The practices, local authority and the community service all employ care assistants with varying job descriptions. The work of Stockport Together will be to, where appropriate, blur the distinctions amongst these groups so that there is a work force of multi skilled staff who can provide that level of care that is so important to people in the community. In this way we should get the efficiency of these people not being part of the professional organisational separation of roles and a wider team to support more people.

### **What is happening within the neighbourhood meetings implementing integrated care?**

The initial neighbourhood meetings were a process to get the practices, the social care and district nursing team leaders together and start the development of the new arrangements. There were six in each neighbourhood. These are now complete. Following this there are now multi-disciplinary team meetings where patients are discussed to see if there are better options to support them including a wider range of professionals and third sector support. These are proving very positive in providing better packages of support for people. The next development will be to establish local management arrangements for the neighbourhood where the GP will lead a team including the lead DN and Social Worker. The aim being to pass development, within boundaries, to the people on the front line. This will make solutions practical and allow for the wide variation we have across neighbourhoods in relation to the populations they serve.

### **What will be different under integrated care for e.g. a housebound chronic patient with limited means to pay for care?**

For most people who have who have simple needs there will be little difference except that they should be identified earlier and receive more information about their condition so that they are more able to care for themselves. As people develop more complex needs and become house bound they may require the support of more services than the practice can deliver. The multidisciplinary working described above will enable the practice initially to make wider connections e.g. with the voluntary sector services to reduce the chance of the person becoming isolated. As needs become more complex again a meeting may be called as above for the wider team to come together and see if there are more or better options to support that person. In relation to the payment for care, the NHS is free at the point of delivery and this does not change, nor does it change the arrangements within the local authority.

### **What guidance will there be in the use by GPs of “Consultant Connect” eg regarding cancer?**

The aim of consultant connect is to make it easier and quicker for a GP to obtain access to advice and guidance from local hospital consultants for a range of things for example; clarification of a diagnosis, access to a test to confirm a diagnosis, to agree if an admission to hospital or referral to outpatients is required. The service is already available to Stockport GPs in 5 specialist areas and its use is growing. It is a tool for GPs to use to help them manage patient care by making it easier to get advice from Consultants, to be used alongside exiting referral routes and clinical guidance.

**From: Graham Trickey** [<mailto:graham.trickey@zen.co.uk>]

**Sent: 09 May**

**2016 13:51**

**To: Mullins Gaynor (NHS STOCKPORT CCG) Subject: Questions about Stockport Together**

Dear Gaynor

Stockport NHS Watch would like to increase our understanding of what changes will happen under Stockport Together. For some time Stockport Together has been in development with some matters apparently unresolved, but now perhaps more details are known. I have drafted a few questions (below) and answers would be greatly appreciated. We do not need to have finely crafted answers: responses in note form would be sufficient with links to online documents if available. These are the questions.

- How will decisions be made within Stockport Together and how will we know what they are?
- What commissioning will take place and how - including for district nursing and community mental health services?
- What will be the role of the Joint Commissioning Board?
- What changes will there be to hospital services and access to those services?
- If services are removed from the hospital setting how will they be provided and how will this be decided?
- What is the role of care assistants within integrated care?
- What is happening within the neighbourhood meetings implementing integrated care?
- What will be different under integrated care for eg a housebound chronic patient with limited means to pay for care?
- Will Viaduct Care commission services from GPs; from others?
- What guidance will there be in the use by GPs of "Consultant Connect" eg regarding cancer?

I hope you are able to arrange for some responses to the above. Perhaps you could indicate a timescale.

Best regards

Graham Trickey



## **Minutes of Meeting held Monday 11 July 2016 Arden Arms, Stockport Town Centre**

### **MINUTES**

#### **I Welcome**

**Those attending- Elaine, Brian, Ray, Terry, Andy, Liz, Jack, Debbie, Sandy, Tom.**

**2 Apologies for absence** (Paul, Graham, Ian, Brian)

**3 Minutes of previous meeting/matters arising**-none not on agenda

#### **4 Ongoing Issues:-**

**i) Ambulances** -North West Ambulances taken over from Arriva

#### **ii) Junior doctors-Referendum**

Ray-58% voted against the contract- big drop from previously. BMA boss resigned. J Hunt will impose contract- not sure if this legal? Contract discriminates against women. Will know outcome of all by September.

Terry- Disappointed at number of JDs on picket lines. We offered support group for JDs- no response.

No Action At Moment

#### **5.Reports**

##### **i)CCG AGM**

Terry, Paul, Jack, Debbie?, Rod and Diane? attended. Took new banner and placards. About 150 at meeting- mainly GPs. Terry asked why CCG ignoring N.I.C.E advice on Statins? Ranjit Gill defended this decision. R Gill said people of Stockport should take responsibility for their own health .He recommended :-digging their allotments, being nice to each other, going for a walk!!! Stockport Express interviewed Terry after we sent:-Press release, photos etc. Good evidence for us. £400k spent on management consultants –no resources for N.I.C.E recommended statins.

##### **ii) Meeting with Alex Ganotis**

AG did not attend because of Chernobyl/Visitors. Tom McGee instead. . He appeared to defend CCG's decision on statins. Wendy Wild should have been there but had apparently not been informed that the meeting was taking place. Largely disappointing meeting although Wendy Wild is the Deputy of Lord Peter Smith who is in charge of Health implementation in Devo Manc. , so it would have been very useful for us

to have met her. There is lots of information on this meeting particularly regarding the future of pharmacies. – see Terry's email.

**ACTION-** Ray:-contact Andy Burnham re pharmacy problems.Tom:- to find out about pharmacies association and report to Ray.

### **iii) Devo Manc**

Terry:-Terry and Rod attended Labour Campaign Forum. Its aim is to form a Greater Manchester Campaigning Group for mayoral election.A hustings for candidates followed admin stuff. No action at the moment.

### **iv) KONP- report on July meeting**

Terry-First reading of National Health Reinstatement bill due on Wednesday 13/7.This has Labour, Green,SNP support. In view of recent events, this may not take place. Call me Dave saying good bye.

### **v) Meeting with solicitor re possible Direct Action by Watch**

Terry-Simon Pook (solicitor) official observer. If we decide to go on demo he will support/ advise us

Main Points included- Don't use mobile phone- easy to trace owner. (More info re this available from Terry. Ray said , he thought peaceful, polite action got us nowhere.Andy W said, we cannot be sure that we haven't made a difference.

Action: - DA potentially harmful for small returns unless we go on large organised demo with KONP for example.To re-think if an occasion arises where it might seem best course of action.

Action –Purchase hand book – Terry??

### **vi) Publicity**

**Jack-** new banner used at CCG AGM –excellent. 4 New stories for Website in pipeline.

## **6 New Issues**

### **i) STPs.**

Ray Five year forward view on health. 44 Footprints ( STA's), eg Devo Manc, to deliver health in England. Each area to produce a plan. NHS England will fund it if it meets their requirements by September

Andy- what happens if they don't agree to fund? We know nothing!!

Ray- two concerns. Fragmentation of NHS. Bite size chunks ripe for privatisation- remote from government. Broken down-divide between provider and purchaser.

**ACTION** – Link on our website to article on STPs

Terry to ask Peter P for a poster to take to KONP meeting on 16/7

### **ii) Support for GPs**

GPs concerned that they are going to be salaried from now on. Locums more likely.A GP spoke to Terry at CCG AGM. She feels Watch need to build a relationship with GPs.Tell them that we are on their side.Three strands:-

What personal concerns do GPs have?

What concerns about patient care?

What can the Watch do? Mention our letters to GP and failure to get them past practice managers.

ACTION- Ray contact Dr David Wrigley to see how we should proceed

### **7 Canal trip 23/7**

£12 per person for boat

£12 for two course meal at Ring O Bells pub.

### **Next Meeting**

September 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm

N.B.No meeting in August



**Minutes of Meeting held Monday 5 September 2016  
Blossoms Pub Function Room, 2 Buxton Road, Stockport SK1 3UA**

**MINUTES**

**Attending:** Debbie Hind, Jack Wrigley, Brian Preece, Dave Owen, Ray Tallis, Andy Wedderburn, Rod Kilgour, Debbie Hind, Graham Trickey, Ashley Walker, Dianne Scott-Fowler, Cllr Dickie Davies, Bartholomew Sporyszkiewicz, Liz Harlow **Chair:** Terry Tallis (TT)

**1. Welcome**

**2. Apologies for absence:** Elaine Preece, Marj Owen, Peter Phillips, Paul Leake

**3. Minutes of previous meeting:** Approved. **Matters arising:** Rod Kilgour (RK) raised the issue of pharmacy closures.

**Thanks:** TT thanked Andy Wedderburn (AWe) for arranging the booking at The Blossoms. AWe confirmed that the room was booked up to the end of the year.

**4. Ongoing issues:**

**Non-emergency ambulances:** RK volunteered to monitor the situation.

**Junior Doctors' strikes:** TT reminded the meeting that the strikes planned for September had been called off. TT - SNHSW should decide on a position re support for the JDs.

Ray Tallis (RT) thought the 5-day strikes were a mistake. As well as being unethical, the action would allow Jeremy Hunt to exploit the situation – bad publicity about cancelled operations etc RT thought the JDs should have exposed the current gaps in rotas as a counter to Hunt's 7-day proposals. RT as member of the Council of the Royal College of Physicians would be pressing for action against Hunt.

The exact position re other health service unions wasn't known. AWe pointed out that the party conferences would have taken place before the next planned strike (5 – 11 October). It was decided that it would be left to individuals whether or not to support the JDs.

**Stepping Hill cuts**

Awareness-raising demos to be switched from Mondays to Tuesdays – still starting at 8am

**5. Chair's letter**

**Public meeting – 29 September, Masonic Hall**

Important to raise awareness, particularly with Margaret Greenwood MP's (Lab, Wirral) NHS Re-instatement Bill coming up for a Second Reading on 4 November.

SNHSW also needs to recruit more activists – so many issues to cover.

Speakers: RT – overview; Sarah Perry – patient experience; David Wrigley GP – Deputy Chair of BMA Council; Andrew Birchall – successful campaigner in Chorley. Audience: Q&A session.

Debbie Hind (DH) wondered how councillors could protest against situation if they had signed up to Article 75 – combining SMBC and SCCG funds. (*Further information on this in recent emails: cutting from Stockport Express and notes from Brian Preece.*)

**Actions:** Dickie Davies – all SMBC councillors circulated; secretaries of Lab branches to send out details. He would also try to make contact with relevant unions.

Ashley Walker (AWa) – ask Lib Dem branch secretaries to notify members.  
Jack Wrigley – flyer at printer's. AWa would organise distribution.  
DH suggested a promotional event – ideally the Saturday prior (24 Sept).  
Notification to be sent to contacts at Stockport Express and Imagine FM.

**NB: SNHSW people required from 6.30pm for set up.**

## 6. Reports

### CCG

**SCCG AGM:** SNHSW raised the issue of SCCG instructions on statins prescribing – going against NICE advice. Ranjit Gill responded by advising the citizens of Stockport with high blood pressure to eat well, walk a lot and be nice to each other!

Action – RT to monitor situation

**Sustainability & Transformation Plans (STPs)** Very little clarity on SCCG position on STPs – not much gleaned from meeting with Tom Magee. Hopeful for more information from meeting with Alex Ganotis re Labour's commitment to NHS.

TT reported that six Merseyside CCGs had refused to sign up to STPs. "Stockport Together" seemed to be SCCG's STP and to have replaced Devo Manc?

DD said that Howard Bernstein had signed the deal with George Osborne with no consultation and there was a lack of clarity from the Labour Party on the issue.

RK – the new Mayor's remit was not originally intended to include health and social care.

**(NB:** HealthWatch in Stockport now chaired by Mary Robinson's agent!)

Action – TT, DH and RT meeting Alex Ganotis.

### Meeting with Andrew Gwynne MP

TT and AWe had met Andrew Gwynne who said that Andy Burnham was keen, if he becomes Mayor, to make health provision in Gtr Manchester a model for the whole country. However, he acknowledged that GM was being used as "guinea pig" and more money was crucial.

Action – RT to contact Burnham to get clarity on proposals.

## 7. Any other business

**Pharmacies** - RK reported £170m of cuts equating to 3,000 pharmacies across England. Two million signatures to a petition and an all-party pharmacy group at Westminster is lobbying against cuts. This group has been in touch with the Prime Minister, but no decision has been reached yet. AWe wondered if independent pharmacies would bear the brunt of any cuts.

Action – RK to monitor situation.

**Liverpool Women's Hospital Closure** – demonstration Sunday 25 September

**Tory Party conference** demonstration – Sunday 2 October, Birmingham – please email Terry if you intend to go.

**Thanks** to Debbie and Jack for organising the very enjoyable boat trip and lunch.

**Christmas** – As a thanks to the Arden Arms, TT to research booking a Xmas meal there.

### Future meetings – at The Blossoms

Monday 3 October; Monday 7 November; Monday 5 December



**Minutes of Meeting held Monday 5th December 2016  
Blossoms Pub Function Room, 2 Buxton Road, Stockport SK1 3UA**

**Attending:** Debbie Hind, Jack Wrigley, Brian Preece, Elaine Preece, Dave Owen, Ray Tallis, Debbie Hind, Graham Trickey Cllr Dickie Davies, Liz Harlow, Ian Barker, Phil Welldrake, Tom Gillespie, Junior Doctor

**Acting Chair:** Andy Wedderburn (AW)

**1. Welcome & Apologies for absence:** Peter Phillips, Rod Kilgour, Sandy Broadhurst, Joanne Thompson

**2. Minutes of previous meeting:** Approved. No matters arising.

**3. Discussion with Junior Doctor from Stepping Hill Hospital**

*Are staff aware of SNHSW presence on Tuesday mornings?* Yes. JDs are frustrated by the way the NHS is being starved of funds.

*What do staff know about Stockport Together?* Very little – same with Devo Manc. (Despite claims by Chief Executive that “staff have been briefed”.)

*Was BMA consulted about STPs?* Not known – try and find evidence.

*How can SNHSW help JDs?* Publicise gap in rotas. A&E is very pressurised with high sickness rates. Some staff working 16 night shifts. High drop-out rate - with people preferring to work as locums, rather than sign a contract. Government has cut training places for consultants. There are also unfilled places in Medical Schools.

**Actions:** FOI request about gaps & use of locums. Next Board Meeting in New Year – ask how they have been communicating with staff re Stockport Together. Keep asking questions / FOI requests to keep the issues alive & create a body of evidence about the lack of consultation/ briefing.

**4. Meetings with councillors**

**a. Drug & alcohol funding (29 Nov):** Staff had been cut from 18 to 11 – of which 5 were signed off as long term sick. Cllr Magee – not sure that Council can intervene

**b. SMBC (1 Dec):** Well-rehearsed response from Cllr Magee to question about Stockport Together proposals discriminating against elderly patients. The mood was that “Stockport Together” was acceptable.

**c. RT talk to Labour Party (30 Nov):** Councillors present, surprised by implications of S.Together.

**5. Strategies (BP)**

Feeling among some councillors that SNHSW is anti-SMBC; BP thinks this could be counter-productive. Some councillors were shocked by evidence presented by RT – but feel they have no choice but to implement S.Together. BP – goal should be to stop SMBC promoting S.Together and start explaining how bad it is going to be (£50m cut and a further £60m to be lost).

**Actions:** a) set up a meeting with sympathetic Labour councillor(s), with a view to meeting larger group. To be done as soon as feasible.

b) Try and establish if there is a national Labour party policy on STPs

RT – Lib Dems had presented a petition to Parliament about cuts at S. Hill. However, SNHSW had correspondence evidencing their inaction and refusal to engage over the Health & Social Care Act when in Coalition.

**CCG** - DH, JW & GT had attended the last meeting. Not clear what the function of CCG is - distinct from S.Together and Devo Manc. Intermediate care was discussed – particularly the Sunderland model which relies on 18,000 volunteers. Also proposed to introduce “care navigators” to deal with patients – not clear what, if any, medical qualifications these people would have.

**6. KONP** – major demo planned for 4 March in London.

**8. Stepping Hill campaign** - agreed to continue with Tuesday presence. DH suggested a vigil at Stockport War Memorial Art Gallery – decided it would be good idea for a future special event.

**9. Engagement with GPs** – very difficult – most GPs too busy to talk

**10. Devo Manc** – BP attended meeting re Andy Burnham’s mayoral campaign. AB’s position is to take the money, do the best with it – but not keep quiet. AB interested in social care and mental health issues and keen to get social care back into the public sector. BP had asked if local authorities should refuse to sign off on STPs – AB no answer.

**11. Pharmacies** SMBC had proposed motion to send letter to Secretary of State objecting to the cuts.

**12. AOB.** DH asked to continue to keep people informed about demos etc GT thanked for diligent research.

**13. Next meeting:** Monday 9 January 2017, The Blossoms, 7.30pm.

**Meeting closed at 9.40pm**