

North East Spiritual Healthcare Collaborative
Notes of
Steering Group Meeting
West Park Hospital Darlington
Tuesday 27 March 2007
1.00 p.m.

Present: Andrew Black, Christine Brown, Nigel Goodfellow, Rosemary Granger, Colin Jay, Martin Kerry, Paul Salter

1 Apologies for absence – Paul Brewis

2 Future working arrangements.

AB introduced Rosemary Granger to the meeting, explaining that her PCT (Co. Durham) had agreed to take the lead for Caring for the Spirit alongside their Mental Health Commissioning lead role.

There were basically two issues to address, both closely related. Firstly the implementation of Caring for the Spirit, sustaining and developing the Collaborative etc; secondly what should the future model of NHS Spiritual healthcare provision be? (given the emphasis of more care outside of hospitals, in primary care and the community).

As this was Martin Kerry's last meeting and AB was no longer part of the SHA it was extremely helpful to have the PCT involved as a way of ensuring continuity and further development. AB would continue to be part of the Collaborative covering workforce development.

3 Future of project groups:

Basic Data and Standards audit – Agreed to review at next Collaborative meeting how colleagues locally were responding to the agenda.

Mapping and sharing good practice – still not clear that this needs to be a separate work stream as the collaborative is itself about "good practice", and the CHCC meetings also cover this. Suggested that future collaborative meetings are scheduled to allow time for a presentation on an example of good practice.

Future direction - Agreed no further action at present- should fall out of future working arrangements.

4 National Caring for the Spirit update

MK confirmed that he would be taking up his new post in Sheffield shortly and would not be replaced in his regional lead role. The recent DH review of national work streams had decided that CfS would now not continue until 2010 as originally envisaged but begin to wind up this summer, with the regional lead chaplaincy posts ending in October this year. This means that Yorkshire and Humber SHA need to decide whether they wish to continue with their CfS lead role and whilst this seems unlikely, three existing pieces of work will be completed:

Harriet Mowatt (Aberdeen University) - Literature review of efficacy of Chaplaincy- completion due end April 07

Derby Acute Hospitals Head Chaplain – Future model of chaplaincy services – likely to be more about guidance for commissioners than a future blueprint. (MK agreed to forward a draft to RG and AB.

Action MK

Development of an education and training framework for chaplains- current training is faith group based and there is nothing that is NHS specific.

Whilst it isn't clear who will bring this work together centrally it is understood that the national website will continue for a year or two and a further issue of the newsletter is planned.

In order to maintain links MK suggested that the N East collaborative should use Tim Battle as a link(Tim.Battle@c-of-e.org).

5 Agenda for Next Collaborative Meeting

It was felt that the February Collaborative meeting had gone well – suggested future topics might include standards and audits, consent, data protection. After discussion it was agreed to meet again on 5 June to plan the September collaborative in more detail, in the meantime RG would look into a venue and funding and PS agreed to approach Harriet Mowatt to see if she would be interested in presenting the outcome of her project.

Action PS, RG

6 Collaborative contact list – changes - non reported.

7 Any other business

Following discussion at the last Collaborative chaplains had met with Susan Hollis from Connecting for Health on the Consent issues. Some progress has been made and CJ is on a working group.

8 Date & time of next meetings:

Steering Group – 5 June 1.00 p.m., Co Durham PCT office, John Snow House, Durham

Collaborative -18 September 1.00 p.m. Venue t.b.c.

CHCC

24 April James Cook Hospital – “Spirituality and Art”

20 June – Freeman – “Personal portfolios”

13& 14 November – training day “Reflective Practice Andy Todd Cardiff University