

Minutes of the Lombard Medical Centre Patient Participation Group

Wednesday 3rd May 2017

Present: Debbie Swain, Kathryn Clark, Dr Mickletwaite, Sue Ashton, David Green, Mary Hodgeon
Michael Reilly
Guest: Dr Amanda Sullivan

Apologies: Ernie Hunter

Minutes of the last meeting

These have been approved and sent to the virtual group.

Guest speaker

Dr Amanda Sullivan from Newark and Sherwood Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has joined us so that we can ask some questions about funding within the CCG and get a general idea of the running of the organisation.

We were given an overview of what percentages of the CCG's annual budget are spent on certain services. It was also explained to us that if some areas have a surplus (unless they are ring-fenced) they can be reallocated to services where there is a shortfall, the CCG also has to have a savings target each year. This is why we may see cuts in some areas and why there may in the future be a merger of some CCG's so that services and departments can be streamlined.

The CCG is not allowed to overspend and should always have a surplus at the end of the year.

The committee was given the chance to put a number of our concerns forward of which Dr Sullivan was very interested and took the time to explain things to us, also taking some of our points away with her as ideas for the future.

We also asked about the hierarchy of access to the CCG if we have a problem and certain issues we have had with going through the Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG). Dr Sullivan informed us that whilst the SRG is currently undergoing some changes with their chairman resigning, the CCG is already looking at working with them to see how the group can be moved forward to work for all sides.

We mentioned how it was often hard to commit one particular member of our committee to attend meetings as we are such a small group and Dr Sullivan suggested to us that we could enlist the help of the CCG's Communications and Engagement team to see how we could increase our numbers and move forward.

We ended our meeting by thanking Dr Sullivan very much for her presence as we know how busy she is.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 31st May – Mary sends her apologies.