

Women and Children's Directorate

Clinical Advisory Board for the New Children's Hospital Outpatient Services & Rehabilitation Unit Sub Group

Notes of the meeting held on Monday 4th September, 2006 in the QMH Conference Room
12:00 – 13:00

Attendee List:

Mrs Eleanor Stenhouse (Chair), Mr Rory Farrelly (Chair Designate), Mrs Coral Brady (Notes), Dr Joan Burns, Dr Paul Galea, Dr Janet Gardner-Medwin, Mr Robert Grieg, Sr Maureen Lilley, Sr Karen Prince, Mrs Lesley Smith

Apologies: Dr Alex Baxter, Mr Jim Harrigan, Mrs Marilyn Horne, Dr Iain Horrocks, Ms Maureen Kinney, Dr David Koppell, Dr Tim Lavy, Dr Michael Morton, Ms Hilary Reidpath, Dr Alison Rennie

1. Apologies and Welcome

Mrs Stenhouse opened the meeting and welcomed all. Mrs Stenhouse introduced Mr Rory Farrelly, Director of Nursing Services to the group. As part of the role of Dir Nursing, Mr Farrelly will take over the chairmanship of the sub-group in due course.

2. Feedback from Pan-Sub-Groups Away Day (29/08/06)

- Overall went well
- Architects presentation very good
- Concerns that some elements may be fait accompli, even though OBS' have not been submitted (numbers of rooms etc.)
- Very good to see outline plans to get a focus
- Bed numbers reduced – concerns regarding calculations
- Very little regarding adolescent facilities
- Wasn't sure how much the Designer was listening to us, query whether this was a 'tick in the box' exercise
- Psychology and Dietetics were presented as community services, rather than hospital based – currently hospital based and are not aware of plans (and wouldn't support plans) for alternatives.

3. Feedback from Outpatient OBS (Particularly Section 5 – Previously circulated)

Mrs Brady once again thanked members for their swift contributions towards the completion of the document. It was reiterated that there needs to be a careful balance between what is 'wanted' and what is 'needed'. At present, not everything that has been detailed as 'needed' within the document has been justified by either activity or service improvements (that have already been approved or are in the approvals stage).

Prior to submission of the document, the request for all Outpatient accommodation will require very careful consideration. It was repeated from the meeting of the 29th that at present a total of 4 clusters of 8 rooms had been 'pencilled in', whilst it is recognised by the design team that this is currently an 'underestimation' of requirements, it is clear that not all of the specialised units that have been requested are going to be possible,

and that as far as possible, flexible accommodation for all clinics (as per the current set-up) will be provided.

In the first instance all members / authors are requested to review their submissions for accommodation as it is clear that not everything that is asked for will be provided. Additionally, if you have not already provided clear justification why the service or department requires additional accommodation, this should now also be provided. Consideration for associated revenue costs must be included. ACTION – ALL

It was noted that the patient throughput data in some instances is still not accurate. Mrs Stenhouse repeated the importance of capturing all patient episodes within the document – anything not documented may not be catered for within the new set-up, that is why this is vitally important.

It was agreed that all members must review their patient numbers (shown on Page 3 of the main OPD OBS), and provide Mrs Brady with updates as required. ACTION – ALL

4. Feedback from Rehabilitation Unit Proposal

It was noted that there was only a minor reference to the Rehabilitation Unit within the Away Day setting. It was clear that the concept had been fed into the overall project team, however, it was thought it might be helpful to request a meeting with the Clinical Director for the project, Mr Morgan Jamieson.

It was agreed to take this forwards to a dedicated rehabilitation unit meeting, and to discuss various elements of the overall proposal.

Mrs Brady will check the feasibility of having a meeting on Thursday 7th September, and advise members.

5. AOCB

Nil

6. Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th September in the QMH Classroom at 12:00. Items for the agenda should be circulated to Mrs Brady no later than the 15th September.