

DONCASTER LINK – MEDICATION GROUP – MEETING SUMMARY

Date: 12 October 2011 **Time:** 3:30pm **Venue:** Doncaster Business Innovation Centre

Attendees:

Rita Holdsworth, Dot Head, Paul Morton, Meurig Pari-Jones, Margaret Marrison, Gwen Campbell, Jan Higgins (Host) and Dave Dutton (Host).

Apologies:

Deirdre Coward, Joan Shacklock, Dunlop Griffith, Kay Kirk, and Joyce Parrott.

The following is purely to give the essence of the meeting.

Opening:

Rita Holdsworth (Chair) opened the meeting by welcoming all. Rita stated the code of conduct and asked if there were any declaration of interests – none were made. Apologies were given for members unable to attend.

- **Item 4 – Notes from 31st August 2011 meeting.** The notes were accepted as correct with no matters arising.
- **Item 5 – Discussion of attached report of conversations with St Mary's and DRI.** The group discussed a report presented by Rita Holdsworth about contact made with St Mary's Nursing Home and Alaina Challans (Length of Stay Transformation Delivering Better Health Programme).

Rita's report shows that, in the last few months, improvements have been made at St Mary's Nursing Home with regards to patients arriving from hospital without medication and they are no longer using taxis to collect patients' medication but are getting the hospital to deliver if applicable. The report also highlights improvements at Doncaster Royal Infirmary in relation to medication issued to patients upon discharge from hospital.

- **Item 6 – Alaina Challans, Doncaster Hospital Foundation Trust. Presentation of information and discussion relating to: Medication provision for patients awaiting discharge from hospital.** Alaina joined the meeting at 4pm. Alaina informed the group that there had been significant improvements in medication provision for patients upon discharge from hospital. She quoted some statistics stating that in October 2010 55% of patients were discharged with the correct medication but in June of this year this figure was up to 90% and more on some wards.

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Alaina went on to state that the improvements were due to the wider use of the i Tracker (recently up for an 'Innovation Award') and introduction of Ward Discharge Coordinators who are pivotal to the i Tracker working (future funding not secured). Alaina also informed the group that other Trusts were showing interest in using the i Tracker and a pilot scheme at a local GP Surgery was being set up to train the surgery doctors how to access the i Tracker system.

Action: Alaina to send a report containing a full years' data to the Host for distribution to all members of the Medication Sub-group.

Rita Holdsworth to make contact with Roger Hancock (Head of Pharmacy) requesting information regarding improvements and any planned changes to procedures to feed back to the group at the next meeting.

Rita Holdsworth to draft a letter to Ron Calvert (Chief Executive of Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust) stating how valuable Ward Discharge Coordinators have proved to be in improving procedures when patients are discharged from hospital.

Rita Holdsworth to contact Sarah Stovin (Matron) to ask if taxis are still used to obtain patient's medicine not available at their discharge and feed back at the next meeting.

- **Item 7 – Work plan.** Not discussed.

Action: Host to update and issue at the next meeting.

- **Item 9 – Any Other Business.** The group agreed that significant improvements seem to have been made with regards to medication issued to patients upon discharge from hospital.
- **Item 9 – Close/Next Meeting.** The meeting closed at 4:40pm and the next meeting will take place on 15th November 2011 from 1:30pm at DBIC.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

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