

Public and Patient Involvement Event

NHS Islington Central Locality Commissioning Group

Meeting 2 – 3rd February 2010

This meeting was chaired by Dr. Greg Battle of the Goodinge Group Practice.

All present were asked to complete an evaluation form. Comments detailed in this evaluation, will be discussed by the Central Locality Commissioning Group for future meeting progression.

A patient member asked whether an email address could be given for further comments after the event. It was agreed this would be set up and the address is as follows:

central.patient@nhs.net

Transforming Primary Care agenda

Tony Hoolaghan, Associate Director - Transforming Primary Care NHS Islington – gave a presentation on NHS Islington's plans for transforming primary care in the coming years and how this will look overall for patients.

The presentation generated much debate among the audience and helped clarify some of the patients' concerns about the proposed polysystems. Some questioned the source of funding for the Polysystem and others cited that it would cost the PCT more. Some advocated support for GP practices and suggested that the PCT should invest in longer practice opening hours as an alternative. One patient was sceptical about the exceptional long opening hours within the Polysystem and felt it was unnecessary and would be under utilised leaving the PCT to pay for under used staff.

One patient enquired on whether the A&E at the Whittington would close in light of the Urgent Care Centre. In response, TH referenced a recent announcement by Rachel Tyndall where she indicated that a decision on this has not been made.

One of the patients asked if they could email TH further comments. It was agreed that all patient could send any comments to the newly created Central PPI email address central.patient@nhs.net or they can send these directly to transformingit@islingtonpct.nhs.uk

One patient raised the issue that not all of them had access to email and whether it would be possible to write to Tony Hoolaghan. NHS Islington's address is shown below for any patient who wishes to contact Tony Hoolaghan by Royal Mail. :

NHS Islington
338-346 Goswell Road
London EC1V 7LQ

Date and time of next meeting :

All agreed that April was too soon, for next meeting. A June date has been confirmed as : **16 June 2010 @ 6:30 - 8:30pm at the London Voluntary Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road, London N7 6PA.**