

LRA - MAY 2015 Health Report

Community Hospitals – Consultation

NTT attended the first consultation meeting at Leatherhead Hospital and reports:

It was a well run meeting but nothing new to report. It started by going round the assembled group asking them to tell of their experiences of the hospital. Then moved on to asking for a wish list of services we would like at the hospital. I didn't count but I should think there were about 25 people so we had a pretty comprehensive list by the end of the meeting. It was suggested by the CCG that we might go back to a GP run service at the hospital. Still don't know which hospital will go but there is another meeting in a month. We won't know then so lets hope it's not Leatherhead.

There are 3 further meetings scheduled for May, June and July. Pam Wilson will attend the first two and I hope to be able to get to the third.
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SDCCG - Patients Advisory Group.

I have secured a place as a selected member of a small group monitoring correspondence sent to patients either in their own homes or in Nursing homes, inviting them to be assessed for additional NHS funding for Nursing care.

This is when qualified nursing care is considered essential without which health would deteriorate. Eight residents were selected. Four were available to attend and our contribution to changes to be made in the wording of the letters was appreciated and respected.

A subsequent invitation to attend a further meeting was cancelled, unfortunately due to the fact that insufficient patient representatives were available to attend.

There are now a number of small selected groups of patient representatives being invited to similar meetings concerning individual types of health conditions. My concern is that these invitations are limited to members of the public who have access to the Internet. Many patients with relevant experience do not have access to the Internet. So they are unable to indicate their interest and register as patient representatives.

The Patient Participation Group for the Ashlea Medical Practice has a new committee and are currently surveying patients for their opinions about the services provided by the practice. (Leatherhead and Ashted surgeries). The Molebridge Practice (Leatherhead and Fetcham) has a patient group, but there is nothing on their Practice website giving any information since a survey report in 2013.

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