

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

<i>Name of Committee</i>	Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee
<i>Date of Committee</i>	19 July 2006
<i>Report Title</i>	South Warwickshire - Maternity Services
<i>Summary</i>	The Chair has agreed to Councillor Sarah Boad's request for the inclusion on the agenda for discussion the attached series of e-mails concerning changes to the provision of maternity services in south warwickshire.
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South Warwickshire: Maternity Services.

From: Cllr Boad
Sent: 07/07/2006 13:29
To: Alwin McGibbon; Cllr Roodhouse
Subject: Re: Acute Services Review - acknowledging receipt

I would like these issues raised at the health o and s on the 19th please!

Particularly the change to the booking appointment - it will cause huge problems for those in rural areas with out transport and for families in places like Lillington who will see their costs increase considerably as they won't be able to go to the local surgery.

Please advise!

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----- Forwarded by Cllr Boad/CLLR/WarksCC on 07/07/2006 13:26 -----

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07/07/2006 12:36

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Dear Sarah,

Thanks for the message. Regarding the scanning department I think the person to contact may be Tracey Arji - not sure of her title or extension number but I know Annette Gough has mentioned her with regard to a separate scanning issue. The best way to get hold of her may be through the antenatal clinic at Warwick.

I too fear that if women see the changes in care as a step backwards they may start to go elsewhere and therefore destabilise the maternity economy,

if you see what I mean, therefore leaving it open for a reduction in service in a year or 2.

As far as I am aware the changes that are suggested are to start in September, although the labour and Swan ward tour may well have been stopped already. I'm not sure if the women in the district know about these changes but I think it would be good to let them know and I see no reason why they can not be brought up at your Health Scrutiny meeting.

Catherine has been away for a week or so but I know is home now. However, she is probably trying to catch her tail at the moment as she has a few things going on at home. Her email address hasn't changed and I am sure she will be in touch as soon as she is able.

Hope you are well and have a good W/E

Hilary

----- Original Message -----

From: <cllrboad@warwickshire.gov.uk>

To: "Ole & Hilary Schmidt-Hansen"

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Cc: <catherinew@btinternet.com>; <cllrboad@warwickshire.gov.uk>

Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2006 11:13 PM

Subject: Re: Acute Services Review - acknowledging receipt

Thank you for your comprehensive reply!

I will find out more details from my constituent re the scan photo, and whether she knew about the charge before she went for her appointment. I know that she was very upset - a scan photo is a precious thing!

Who should I contact about this at the hospital?

I am concerned to hear about some of the other changes, particularly that all the booking appointments should be at Warwick, and at that the weekend. It seems that Warwick need women to carry on using the hospital to safeguard its future, and I wonder if some will disappear to other hospitals.

We have a Health Scrutiny meeting in a couple of weeks - would you have any objection if I raise these issues there? Are the changes in the public domain?

I haven't heard from Catherine - I wonder if she has changed her email address or perhaps she is away?

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Subject: Re:
Acute Services Review - acknowledging receipt
04/07/2006 20:48

Hi Sara,

Nice to hear from you after so long.

We had an MSLC meeting today and Mark Newbold spoke to us about the ASR and it's implications for Warwick. These are difficult times we live in and changes are about to take place in the health service which we should see as modernisation. We had great discussions, as you can imagine, about the ASR and I think as a committee we feel that for the present moment in time the maternity unit will not see a great deal of change. The paediatricians will be looking at different ways of working and it is hoped that for the next 2 years at least the SCBU unit is safe from closure. However, we, as a local MSLC must ensure that the services are maintained and hopefully women will 'vote with their feet' and continue to use Warwick in order for the service to be maintained.

My main concerns at the present are not so much to do with the ASR as to do with the cost cutting taking place at the hospital. As you mention, the cost of the scan photos has been put up over night without any consultation to £10. We were told today that this is in line with the George Eliot and Walsgrave / UCHW and I imagine that this is all to do with income generation for the scanning department at the hospital. I believe that £10 for a scan is too much as these women will already be paying their £3 or £4.50 for parking. As I had not heard about this change in price until today I can not answer your question, however, I shall endeavour to find out and maybe in your capacity as her local councillor, you could also ask these questions

of the hospital and see if we can make a difference to those parents who are unable to afford £10.

The other maternity issues are to do with a job freeze on a unit that is already 20 staff under establishment. As a result the managers are about to change practise and ask all women to come to Warwick Hospital for their initial booking appointment with the midwife. This will mean that women from the whole of South Warwickshire will come for this appointment which will take place at weekends only. Managers are also considering stopping the hospital tour as part of the antenatal package.

From September all midwife antenatal appointments will be held in Children's Centres or associated clinics. This will be a pilot scheme and will affect women in Leamington and the Shipston area. This part of the change is not so much of a worry to the MSLC user reps as we can see advantages for basing antenatal care in a geographical area, but we are concerned about the other changes as mentioned above.

Thank you for the information re. the meeting next Tuesday - I am unsure if I shall be able to come along as it is a busy time of the day and my husband is not usually home until 5.30. We also have parents meetings at the school that day. Sorry.

Catherine and I have been informed about the OSC meeting at the end of August and I am sure that at least one of us will attend the part on the maternity and paediatric proposals. I shall also be in touch again when the MSLC have decided on our response to the proposals.

I hope this has been helpful and also hope you are well.

Regards,

Hilary

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Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2006 1:05 PM

Subject: Re: Acute Services Review - acknowledging receipt

Hi Catherine and Hilary!

Just wanted to make sure that you are aware that the Warwick Area Cttee

(which I chair) is having a session on the Acute Services Review next Tuesday (11th) at 4 - 5.30 p.m.

Members of the public will be able to take part by contacting Peter Hunter in the area office (peterhunter@warwickshire.gov.uk) asap.

Would be very interested to have your views on the ASR so that I can feed them in to the Health O&S, although I am sure you will be feeding in too!!

On a different matter, I have been contacted about a young mother to be in my area who couldn't afford the £10 it cost to buy a photo of the scan. I don't remember it being that much 3-4 years ago! Is there any provision made for parents on benefit / low incomes?

Hope to see you both soon!!

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