

NHS GREATER GLASGOW AND CLYDE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Greater Glasgow – Acute
Services – South Glasgow Monitoring Group
held at 9.30am on Friday, 14 December, 2007
Floor E Conference Room, Victoria Infirmary
Langside Road, Glasgow, G42 9TT

PRESENT:

Mr Peter Mullen (in the Chair)

Dr Donald Blackwood	Mr Kenneth Macintosh MSP
Ms Catherine Fleming	Dr Ken O'Neill
Mr James Kelly MSP	Mrs Enid Penny
Dr John Larkin	Mr James Sandeman

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Robert Calderwood	...	Chief Operating Officer – Acute Services Division
Mrs Alison Flynn	...	NHS Board Administration
Mr Niall McGrogan	...	Head of Community Engagement, NHS Board

ACTION BY

16. APOLOGIES AND WELCOME

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Dr Brian Bingham, Mrs Pat Bryson, Ms Sandra Davidson and Mrs Margaret Hinds. The Chair welcomed Dr John Larkin, who was representing Dr Bingham, to his first meeting of the Group.

17. MINUTES

The approved Minutes of the South Monitoring Group meeting held on 14 September 2007 [SMG(M) 07/02] were noted.

18. MATTERS ARISING

a) Bed Model Update

With reference to Minute 11(b) Bed Model – Update – Mr Calderwood reported that a revised bed model based on 2005/06 clinical activity would be submitted to the NHS Board meeting on 22 January 2008. Assuming this was adopted, this would then form part of the Outline Business Case for the new South-Side Hospital and Children's Hospital which would be completed by the end of January 2008.

Mr Calderwood reported that the revised bed model would track changes from the previous bed model approved by the NHS Board in July 2005. New treatments and shorter stays had occurred since then although there also had been a rise in the number of emergency admissions and a general increase in activity. Mr Calderwood advised that the bed model would be refreshed in 2008/09, with a new bed model produced every other year.

NOTED

19. FUTURE OF SOUTH MONITORING GROUP

The Chair reported that he had received a letter dated 24 September 2007 from the Cabinet Secretary advising that the both the North and South Monitoring Groups should remain in place during the construction of the new Stobhill and Victoria Hospitals, until their completion in 2009. Mr Mullen confirmed that he will continue as Chair of the South Monitoring Group until then and confirmed that the North Monitoring Group and South Monitoring Group would remain separate Groups.

The Chair therefore confirmed that the South Monitoring Group will remain in place until the summer of 2009 (when it was planned that the new Victoria Hospital would be up and running). The Group would monitor named services at the Victoria Infirmary during this time.

Mr Macintosh suggested that perhaps the Group should meet every four months rather than every three months. Mr Macintosh was concerned that attendance at the South Monitoring Group had been falling and felt that a lot was being asked of medical staff to give up their time in order to attend meetings. The Group discussed this but felt that on balance the Group would continue to meet as planned.

Mr Calderwood proposed that the Director of particular specialties should be invited to future meetings to provide a presentation and discuss how their particular service had previously been provided, how it was currently being delivered, and how it will evolve in the transition to the new hospital. Mr Calderwood recommended that Jane Grant, Director of Surgery and Anaesthetics, Grant Archibald, Director of Emergency Medicine, and Jim Crombie, Director of Diagnostics be invited to future meetings for this purpose.

Members welcomed this suggestion as a way of focussing on the development of the main services.

Mr Calderwood reported that services would be maintained at the Victoria Infirmary until the new hospital was open, but advised that there would be challenges operationally in the coming years which would affect the Victoria and would result in further reconfiguration across the city. Some clinicians had a desire to bring services together and the rationalisation of some services would occur over the coming years. The impact of the opening of the new West of Scotland Cancer Centre at Gartnavel and Cardio-thoracic Services moving next year to the Golden Jubilee would affect services across the city and therefore changes to services will be inevitable.

Mr Sandeman re-emphasised the Group's remit which was to monitor named services at the Victoria Infirmary.

The Chair summarised discussion and stated that over the course of the next year the Group would receive presentations from the three Directors, and would undertake a tour of the new hospital.

DECIDED

1. That the Cabinet Secretary's clarification that the Group's work and remit continue until the new Victoria Hospital was completed in 2009, be welcomed.
2. That the Group receive presentations from the Directors for Surgery & Anaesthetics, Emergency Care, and Diagnostic Services

R Calderwood

20. FEEDBACK FROM CHAIRS MEETING WITH CABINET SECRETARY ON 13 NOVEMBER 2007

The Chair advised that he and the Chair of the North Monitoring Group had met with the Cabinet Secretary on 13 November 2007. Both Chairs had been asked by the Cabinet Secretary to continue as Chairs of the South and North Monitoring Group until 2009, to which they had agreed.

The Chair conveyed the Cabinet Secretary's thanks to the South Monitoring Group for their work over the past 5 years.

NOTED

21. FEEDBACK ON TOPPING-OUT CEREMONY FOR NEW VICTORIA HOSPITAL: 13 NOVEMBER 2007

The Chair reported on the Topping-Out Ceremony for the new Victoria Hospital on 13 November 2007, which had been attended by the Cabinet Secretary and Sir John Arbuthnott, NHS Board Chair. The Chair reported that he had been greatly impressed with the new building and the work was currently two weeks ahead of schedule and was planned to be open by late Spring/early Summer 2009.

The Chair advised that he has arranged for the Group to have a conducted tour of the building when it is complete.

NOTED

22. NORTH MONITORING GROUP MINUTES: 7 SEPTEMBER 2007

The Minutes of the North Monitoring Group meeting held on 7 September 2007 were noted.

23. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

a) Evening Visitor Scheme

Mr McGrogan confirmed that the Evening Visitor Service had now been rolled out to cover Cambuslang, Rutherglen and East Renfrewshire. The service had commenced in these areas in November which was slightly later than planned. However, the scheme appeared to be working well and had been well received by local communities. It was noted that a printing error had resulted in the wrong telephone open hours being shown on flyers. However Mr McGrogan reassured the Group that this was being rectified by the printing company, and new flyers would be issued showing the correct telephone open hours.

NOTED

b) MRI/CT Scanners

Mr Sandeman raised a query regarding how many scanners were being provided in the new Victoria Hospital. Mr Calderwood confirmed that there would be an MRI scanner in the new facility. In addition the ultimate configuration for CT scanners would be two - one in the new facility and one which would stay in the current Victoria Infirmary for the time being.

The Chair commented that, on his recent visit to the new Victoria, he had noted the large room which was intended to house the MRI scanning facilities. Mr Calderwood advised that the room was capable of accommodating two MRI scanners. This was in order to allow MRI facilities to continue when a new scanner was being installed, as the old scanner could remain in operation during installation of the new machine. In addition, the MRI scanner room was located so that an outside wall could be removed to facilitate easier installation.

NOTED

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the South Monitoring Group would be held at 9.30am on Friday 14 March 2008, in the Floor E Conference Room, Victoria Infirmary, Langside Road, Glasgow, G42 9TT.

The Chair wished all members a happy and restful festive season.

The meeting ended at 10.10 a.m.