

LEEDS KEEP OUR NHS PUBLIC MEETING 26.4.17

Present

N (chair), A, D, H, N, S, J, A, R, V and friend, M, M, R , G

Issue	Update/ discussion	Action
NHS news	See KONP Leeds spring news digest attached	
<p>Local news Prescription rationing consultation</p> <p>Petition calling for transparency when people are being referred to a private provider</p> <p>Pathology centralisation continues ...</p>	<p>A had a letter printed in the YEP on 21.4 (Well done !) asking for Wakefield CCG to reconsider their decision to withdraw gluten free food from prescription</p> <p>J continuing to challenge Leeds and press health Watch. They have refused to put the Coeliac Society's briefing on their website as they consider it is a campaign.</p> <p>G noted that Leeds Medical Committee and Public Health England submitted objections to Scrutiny Board suggesting decisions should be national to avoid post code lotteries and the directive to GPs not to take patient's means into account when prescribing goes against the Health and Wellbeing Strategy's aim to reduce health inequalities. Concern was also expressed re the impact on pharmacies. The health Watch rep on Scrutiny echoed concerns The GCG didn't turn up because they didn't feel consultation in an election period was OK so the deadline for consultation will almost certainly be extended beyond 31st May. exercise.</p> <p>D initiated this petition but it has been pulled before getting off the ground because of the election.</p> <p>A reported that he went to a meeting organised by West Yorkshire Acute Trusts which talked about the hub and spoke developments with just two large labs in West Yorks , Bradford& Airedale and Leeds.</p>	<p>Please respond to the consultation – the proposals will put some people with coeliac's at risk and are the thin end of the wedge for further rationing. See https://www.leedswestccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/we-need-your-views/prescribing-changes-across-leeds/</p> <p>D will have a chance to re-launch after the election</p>
Election planning	<p>Agreed we would</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. produce a Leeds KONP postcard asking people to VOTE NHS and give this wide distribution. Discussed draft. Ayman valiantly offered to come up with a design in liaison with Nick 2. probably produce stickers too and maybe order some balloons from national source 3. Explore doing a hustings 	<p>Ideas welcome but A drafting design and N will order at least 20,000 postcards. Aiming to get it printed by Sat 6.5 if at all poss</p> <p>N check out poss. use of Civic Hall for hustings</p>

	<p>4. get out to Tory marginals. We noted moves locally and nationally to try to build progressive alliances.</p> <p>5. Set up a schedule of times for leafletting/ stalls starting May 6th .</p> <p>6. Pitch info/ events to the media. including local mags like North Leeds Life. Hustings might offer a hook. Offer speakers on the NHS to anyone interested</p> <p>7. Share info re public meetings etc organized by parties so we can go along and contribute/ leaflet</p>	<p>G to send out regular updates re flyering with postcards. Aiming to do Monday teatimes, Friday lunchtimes and three Sats : 6.5, 20.5 and 3.6</p>
Yorkshire Health Campaigns Together meeting	<p>Agreed to pursue a date after the election. Unite can offer 16th June.</p> <p>Nick Forster, chair of Hands of Huddersfield RI is now vice chair of KONP and going to co-ordinate HCT activity in the north</p>	G to sound out others re 16 th
<p>Other events:</p> <p>Leeds TUC May Day march 29.4 with focus on pay</p> <p>It's Our NHS - Grimsby Rally to defend the NHS #OurNHSGYRally</p> <p>Vigil re mental health services Fri May 19th 7-8pm St. George's Square</p>	<p>If you want to support Huddersfield TUC's May Day march which focuses on the NHS, assemble 10.30, St. George's Square and in the evening Michael and Simon singing with Free Range in a night of Cuban music at the Bellevue Social Club, Woodhouse, from 7.30</p> <p>Assemble St James Square, Grimsby, DN31 1, United Kingdom</p> <p>Support Huddersfield campaigners on May 19th and also their event in Greenhead Park on June 24th – more info later</p>	<p>Assemble outside Leeds Art Gallery 11.30 for march round town.</p> <p>G will make sure banner there</p>
NHS birthday activities	<p>Planning action on Sat 1st July and Wed 5th July and Leeds Hospital Alert will have stall all day at Kirkstall Festival on Sat . July 9th .</p> <p>Sat 9th is also Durham Miners gala</p>	

Next stalls or flyering for the election

Sat 6th may 11am outside Boots (N & J co-ordinating)

Monday 8th May 4.30 – 5.30 traffic lights on the corner of Boar lane opposite the railway station

Friday 12th May 12noon Parkinson steps, Leeds Uni

Monday 15th May 4.30 – 5.30 Dortmund Square

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 10th May 6.30- 8pm in O'Neill's