

LEEDS KEEP OUR NHS PUBLIC MEETING 9.1.19

Present : D, D, Helen, C, O, S, J, G Apologies : N and M later

Issue	update/ discussion	Action
<p>NHS News, particularly the 10 yr. plan</p>	<p>J circulated the summary doc attached. Highlights existing focus on preventing hospital admissions, reliance on digital technology and concreting the integrated care systems into place with increased merging of commissioners and providers. NHSE also want to make moves to ditch bits of the Health and Social Care Act while continue to parcel up the NHS into business units which could be hoovered up by private companies. United Health and its offspring Optum are already bedded in the changing architecture of the NHS along with major consultancy firms like KPMG. Peter Broderick has pointed out that the obligation to tender almost all health services is embodied in secondary law/ regulation which can be changed at a stroke.</p> <p>We thought that the spin might lead some people to believe that the Govt is addressing underfunding and ditching privatisation and campaigners are just being nostalgic for the old NHS. To counter this we agreed to put together a short and clear critique of the plan (some are calling it a wish list rather than plan) and be prepared to talk about what kind of NHS we want. S said legislation must be built via a process involving identifying values, then developing policy and the institutional architecture to carry that policy</p>	<p>capture the plan and critique in a few simple bullet points</p> <p>Have a discussion about what kind of NHS we want at the next Leeds KONP mtg.</p> <p>J will dig out Docs in Unite’s document on a vision for the NHS (see attached) and G check Socialist Health Assoc’s docs.</p>
<p>Charging Immigrants</p>	<p>J noted that a number of Royal Colleges have come out against charges. We talked about doing an FOI asking for figs re charges, cost of collecting etc but haven’t followed this up.</p>	<p>Pursue an FOI and plan more action/ publicity</p>
<p>Local news Harrogate</p>	<p>Helen said that there is no date yet for the Briary Mental Health Unit closing but much talk of there being community services in place to avoid in patient care. There will be some beds in York but York colleagues say the new mental health facility is still a building site.</p>	<p>Helen is attending CCG mtgs etc and pursuing in the LP</p>
<p>West Yorks & Harrogate Joint CCG meeting 8.1</p>	<p>G noted that they formally approved implementing National Guidance re restricting 17 treatments , although acknowledged this mandatory. There are 4 Category One treatments which will only be done in exceptional circumstances and require an individual funding request from a doctor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ snoring surgery for adults in the absence of obstructive sleep apnoea, ➤ D&C for heavy menstrual bleeding, ➤ knee arthroscopy ➤ injections for non specific back pain. <p>13 other treatments (category 2) will only be funded when specific criteria are met . These treatments are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ breast reduction ➤ removal of benign skin lesions ➤ grommets for glue ear in children (doesn’t apply to Downs synd. children) ➤ Tonsillectomy for repeat bouts of tonsillitis ➤ haemorrhoid surgery ➤ hysterectomy for heavy menstrual bleeding ➤ Chalazia removal (nodule within the eyelid due to blocked gland) ➤ Arthroscopic shoulder decompression for subacromial shoulder pain ➤ carpal tunnel syndrome release ➤ Dupuytren’s contracture release in adults ➤ ganglion excision ➤ trigger finger release (in adults) ➤ Vascular vein interventions <p>There has been some minimal / tweaking of conditions in response to the consultation/ feedback . The CCGs noted that the plan will save over £9m per</p>	<p>Collate any info we can get on refusals .</p> <p>J has written to NICE for KONP pressing them on their agreement.</p> <p>We need to ready to oppose the next round of rationing</p>

	year but were at pains to suggest that some of this will go on alternative treatments and the tightening of restrictions is to prevent harm not save cash!	
Update on events since the last meeting	<p>Leeds KONP carol singing in Dortmund Square. Went well . Several people joined in enthusiastically and we gave out M's robin postcards</p> <p>J & G supported Hands off HRI "Xmas honk" with brass band outside the hospital took our carol sheets for a sing along afterwards in the pub .</p> <p>Leeds KONP turned out with some HRI activists to give NE KONP and South Tyneside campaigners good support when they came to Leeds for their Judicial Review 18th Dec., which was much appreciated. We sang carols again !</p>	
Future events		
Labour Party	<p>J talking to NW constituency LP on Friday 23rd and Dewsbury LP on 22nd</p> <p>D et al will be at the Leeds Campaign Group meeting to update the manifesto for the local elections in May</p> <p>S has arranged a meeting with his MP J Grogan</p>	Labour members to put heads together re LP manifesto – maybe this sat pm ?
Leeds "Summat " Mh 9 th all day at Notre Dame College, Woodhouse	D has put in an application for KONP to do one or 2 workshops with help from Space 2 which will be part discussion and part practical placard making , chants, songs etc. in preparation for the demo on 30 th Mh. Space 2 will also gather stories for their NHS 70 th project , ideas for banners etc. The Summat brands itself as" a festival of resistance that brings together creativity, debates, discussions, workshops, markets, zines, kids space, art, food and music from around Leeds & Yorkshire"	D and Emma from Space 2 are organising the workshop (s) – many thanks ! G will supply placards, markers and the film and help where poss..
KONP SG on same date – Mh 9 th 11.30 – 4pm Swarthmore	Unfortunately in terms of timing Mh 9 th is also the date we have offered to host the bi- monthly national KONP Steering Cttee which aims to hold every other meeting outside London.. We will be providing sandwiches etc. and can send a few observers from Leeds KONP.	J is organising the mtg as he is national sec. & Leeds delegate. G will sort lunch
Dignity Day 1 st Feb	We should have the new HCT leaflet " Social Care is Broken" in good time for Dignity Day	Plan stall and fliering for Dignity Day. G will get fliers
the J Furze/ 999 Call for the NHS film	There might be a chance of getting this shown at the Summat but it is long- 78mins and finishes about 18 mths ago ? Christine Hyde is trying to sort some showings in Dewsbury and Halifax in April and Mike Galvin is interested in a Wakefield showing . We could consider a showing in Leeds. Discussed venues	Agreed to watch the film – can download for £2 then decide if/ how we could use it.
Yorkshire HCT demo: Sat. Mh 30th assemble 11.30 outside Leeds Art Gallery . Mh 12-1 then rally for half hour	<p>The police and Local Authority are having some debate re policing the demo ?</p> <p>We need to get a postcard/ flier printed , facebook event up, shares on social media etc and ask trade union meetings and LP branches to put it on their agendas. We also need to seek donations towards costs.</p> <p>We also need to think about speakers. Its always good to have a labour shadow Minister or MP but might be hard to pin them down given current chaos over Brexit. Maybe try Paul Sherriff via Hands off HRI</p>	G to sticker robin cards and liaise with M re new one Ask N to set up a facebook page asap. All ask trade unions, LP & Green branches to bring people and banners & pursue donations.
HCT meetings Yorks network Friday 8 th Feb National Social Care	<p>in Unison Regional office, Commerce House, Wade Lane, near Merrion Centre</p> <p>Next bi -Monthly planning meeting at Carrs Lane Conference centre , Birmingham 1.30-4pm Thurs 28th Feb</p>	

The Next Meeting of Leeds Keep Our NHS Public will be on Wed 23rd Feb 6.30 – 8pm in the Victoria Hotel
We will be setting aside 30/40 mins to talk about what we want the NHS to look like !