

**LEEDS KONP meeting 13.3.19**

**Present:** H, D, C, M, S, D, G **Apologies :** D and A

Issue	Update/ Discussion	Action
<p><b>NHS NEWS</b></p> <p>Some campaigning success</p> <p>Babylon (digital health app )</p> <p>NHSE have 5 yr plan for 20,000 more staff in primary care – not docs!</p>	<p>D said that In Medway (her home area) there have been successful campaigns to get a decision re closure of A&amp;E and centralisation of stroke units referred back.</p> <p>is seeking to expand its GP at hand service to Birmingham and Leeds. It offers an on line symptom checker&amp; video consultations, Patients out of London would still be registered with the host GP practices in London but arrangements would be made for them to see a local doc if necessary. Discussed how this might be attractive to the young &amp; well in particular but there are serious concerns re safety of the symptom checker app, the cherry picking,( they don't want patients with frailty, dementia, pregnancy, drug addiction, learning disability, complex mental health problems), the burden on GPs of switching to and fro, data protection etc</p> <p>includes pharmacists, physios, paramedics, physician associates and social prescribing support workers. BMA in agreement as it is supposed to give practices almost £1bn across five years, with another £1.8bn to support the formation of primary care networks</p>	<p><b>To raise awareness of Babylon threat eg. in the Council and galvanise support against any roll out in Leeds. ( an app a day )</b></p> <p><b>Publicise the “anybody but a doc” plan and push for recruitment of medics.</b></p>
<p><b>RECENT EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>City Centre stall 2.3</b> giving out postcards</p> <p><b>Leeds Summat 9.3</b></p> <p>KONP National Steering Group came to Leeds 9.3</p>	<p>Very merry event as both John and Rob played melodeons and attracted lots of positive attention</p> <p>D noted about 400 at the Summat. KONP shared a stall with Space 2 and made good contacts; D and Emma ran a workshop. This was at the end of the day but 8 people came and it went well. Showed Museum film re KONP/ Hospital Alert, gave short talk with “washing line” flags and made some fantastic placards for the demo.</p> <p>Excellent turnout – about 25. Good discussion re our response to the 10 year plan etc. Delegates appreciative of local organisation &amp; lunch. S asked about KONP's influence on the LP. G suggested KONP has a positive relationship with John Ashworth who now seems politically close. Shadow Social Care Minister Barbara Keeley seems much further off. The HCT social care group ( which is planning to become an affiliate not subgroup of HCT) is liaising with Eleanor Smith MP re setting up a mtg with MPs. The group has also finally managed to agree a draft resolution for CLPs and branches to try to get to Conference ; also recommend posting on the LP policy Forum website. M G said he went to a Policy Forum meeting at his CLP last week with John Healey, shadow minister for Housing. Agreed it would be helpful to have a substantial discussion in a Leeds KONP meeting on to how to influence LP policy.</p>	<p><b>D</b> making a little film of KONP's contribution at the Summat - now on our facebook. Thanks D !</p> <p><b>G</b> to ask Paul Trusswell if he would give a talk to a KONP mtg in the next couple of months on influencing Labour</p>
<p><b>YORKS HCT DEMO on 30<sup>th</sup> march</b></p> <p><b>Rough Timings;</b></p> <p><b>official liaison</b></p>	<p>assemble 11.30 , march . 12-1pm rally 1- 1.40. 1.45 Victoria Hotel</p> <p>Police liaison sorted &amp; G has promised the art gallery we will do our best to honour their requirements re public access, keep off the statue and ramp , don't affix banners etc.</p>	<p><b>We need KONP members there at 10am to sort site &amp; speaker, erect gazebo &amp; stall</b></p>

<p><b>speakers confirmed :</b></p> <p><b>publicity</b></p> <p><b>funding</b></p> <p><b>Banners, placards</b></p> <p><b>PA</b></p> <p><b>Samba Band</b></p> <p><b>KONP stall/ HQ</b></p> <p><b>Singing</b></p> <p><b>Stewarding</b></p>	<p><b>Jane Aitchison</b>, Leeds TUC President, long term PCS activist and Labour's PPC for Pudsey.</p> <p><b>Adrian O'Malley</b>, Secretary Mid Yorkshire Health Unison branch</p> <p><b>John Puntis</b>, retired consultant from Leeds Teaching Hospital , national sec. of KONP , Doctors for the NHS and Doctors in Unite</p> <p>To be confirmed :</p> <p><b>Paula Sheriff, MP for Dewsbury</b> , Shadow Minister for Mental Health and Social Care</p> <p><b>and we may have Matt Wrack</b>, President of the Fire Brigades Union, who will be in Leeds that Sat</p> <p>M Forster, chair of Hands Off HRI will chair the rally</p> <p>10, 000 cards have gone. 5,000 more printed. D updating events page on facebook</p> <p>promised from LTHT Unite, Unison, mid Yorks and GMB , but no funds in yet as far as we know! At a minimum we need to cover £250 cost of postcards plus approx. £250 for samba band but have also bought more HCT newspapers, badges etc.</p> <p>G has had new mesh Leeds KONP banner printed as old one faded and dirty. Need to encourage trade unions, party branches and community groups to bring banners. S said he is happy to wear white overalls and carry a "skeleton"</p> <p>We bought our own PA last year but would be good if we could source another one to connect to it. Bringing megaphone</p> <p>Dave Vincent advised they are up to strength</p> <p>D and Emma organising this. Nicola Avery may be able to help</p> <p>Frances not here on 30<sup>th</sup> . M suggested there may be someone else who could lead a choir but time now short. Agreed we consider a few people leading " We shall not give up the Fight" from the mic at end of the rally but may have to play it by ear, see what weather and mood are like.</p> <p>Hopefully will be low key but need to be on guard as we are coinciding with original Brexit deadline. We need all willing KONP supporters to wear our blue and silver KONP stewards jackets and spread out</p>	<p><b>M F</b> is trying to confirm Paul Sherriff</p> <p><b>G liaising with John McGrory</b> re Matt Wrack</p> <p><b>All</b> need to blitz cards and facebook shares</p> <p><b>Stall in town 23<sup>rd</sup> march</b> 11-12.30 on Commercial St.</p> <p><b>G &amp; J</b> to chase. If anyone else can raise funds please do!</p> <p><b>G to bring placard</b> kit next KONP mtg when we could also think re chants – maybe try on mic before march</p> <p><b>If anyone can access a speaker</b>, please speak to John or me. also more megaphones</p> <p>Any help with stall appreciated, partic.while others marching</p> <p><b>G</b> could put words of song on banner to be held up on steps</p> <p><b>Please volunteer</b> to be a steward or one of a couple of head stewards .</p>
<p><b>OTHER EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>April 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30 Cafe Economique</b></p> <p><b>April 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30</b></p> <p><b>April 18<sup>th</sup> Mark Thomas NHS show</b> Wakefield Theatre Royal</p> <p><b>Sat. May 4<sup>th</sup> Leeds TUC May Day March</b></p>	<p>Jane Lethbridge from Greenwich University talks on on NHS Privatisation, Seven Arts Centre, Chapel Allerton with KONP stall.</p> <p>West Yorkshire and Harrogate Joint Scrutiny Board ( venue tbc)</p> <p>Mark has approved us having a KONP stall and encouraged us to bring campaigners and banners. He wants a lively audience as the show is being filmed We might even sing afterwards. We may need to think re organising a meeting in Wakefield as a follow up. Certainly will need some sort of flier for stall if only contact details of groups and info re other events such as the Conference in June.</p> <p>"Build a united working class fightback" Assembles 11.30 at Art Gallery, march 12, rally has MP Richard Burgon and Bakers Union President, Ian Hudson</p>	<p><b>Please come</b>, bring friends, join the discussion and help us recruit support. <b>D</b> will advertise in LP etc</p> <p><b>Please get tickets</b>, come to the show. Help us make an impact. Decide at or by next mtg on 27.3 whether sort follow up meeting in Wakefield</p> <p>The KONP banner will be there !</p>

<b>HEALTH CAMPAIGNS TOGETHER UPDATES</b>	<p>will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2.30 – 4.30 in Mill Hill Chapel , City Square .</p> <p>will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1.30-4.30pm in Carrs Lane Conference Centre, Birmingham</p> <p>will be on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June in St. George’s Centre, Leeds, next to LGI</p>	<p>G, J and M F to produce an initial draft agenda before next mtg.</p>
<b>Yorkshire HCT network meeting</b>		
<b>Next national Social Care working group</b>		
<b>Northern HCT Health and Social care Conference</b>		

**THE NEXT LEEDS KONP MEETING WIL BE ON WED 27<sup>th</sup> March 6.30 – 8pm**

**in Bridget’s Room in the Victoria Hotel, directly behind Leeds Town Hall**

We will I have brief updates, any vital business and organisational issues re the demo then make placards and chat, hopefully with a little musical accompaniment. Do come - I think you will enjoy it.