

Gosport Independent Panel

Minutes of the Panel Meeting

10 November 2015

Venue Wellington House, London, SE1

Present

Panel

Bishop James Jones (Chair, Gosport Independent Panel, BJJ)
 Kate Blackwell (KB)
 Colin Currie (CC)
 David Hencke (DH)
 Duncan Jarrett (DJ)
 Jim Smith (JS)
 Deborah Sturdy (DS)

Secretariat

Louise Dominian (Secretary, LD)
 Sarah Armstrong (SAr)
 Peter Burgin (PB)
Code A
 Judy Joslin (JJ)
Code A
 Tracy Ofeosi (TO)
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 Sarah Wishart (SW)

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Apologies

Bill Kirkup (BK)
 Christine Gifford (CG)

	Agenda Item	Summary of discussion	Actions
1.	Introduction and Welcome	The Chair welcomed the new Secretariat team members to the meeting.	
2.	Minutes of 15 October Panel meeting and matters arising	<p>Panel members should ensure they are content with the minutes as recorded. The Panel minutes will eventually form a public record. The minutes of the Panel meeting on 15 October were agreed with no amendments.</p> <p>It was agreed that Panel members should be sent the key for the statistical parameters used for the Panel presentation “the review of patients’ date of death – emerging findings” (Paper 12.4 refers).</p> <p>The Panel discussed the publication of issues raised by specific families within the final report. These and other issues will be considered in detail as part of the planning process for publication of the Panel’s Final report.</p>	<p>a) BJJ signed the minutes as a true record of the meeting.</p> <p>b) TO to liaise with BK to arrange for the key for the statistical parameters used for the Panel presentation to be sent to Panel members.</p> <p>c) JJ and the Review team to consider and bring forward options on</p>

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			publication of issues to a future Panel meeting.
3.	<p>Family Liaison Update</p> <p>GIP/Paper 13.1</p>	<p><u>Feedback from October's Family Liaison Meeting</u></p> <p>The feedback from the families who attended October's Family Liaison Meeting has been positive. The meeting provided families with a positive and cohesive view of the Panel's work. The Chair thanked the Secretariat and Panel members for the hard work that went into making the October Family Liaison Meeting a success.</p> <p><u>Family engagement</u></p> <p>To date (as of 10 November) the Panel is in contact with 98 families relating to 97 deceased patients. The families' team is focusing its efforts on increasing family engagement and on accessing and collecting families' material.</p> <p><u>Raising awareness</u></p> <p>The Panel discussed the benefits and risks of engaging the national media now. The Panel agreed to review whether national media coverage is required at a later stage. The principles for evaluating further Panel communication activity and possible outcomes will form part of a wider communication plan.</p> <p><u>Clarification of Scope</u></p> <p>The Panel's Terms of Reference (TOR) includes undertaking the review of <u>historic</u> health and social care records to establish treatment prior to death and the care of the elderly and vulnerable in Gosport War Memorial Hospital (GWMH). The TOR is the litmus test for establishing whether new families coming forward are in scope. The Panel discussed general principles for evaluating which of the new family cases are in or out of scope. Cases which occur post 2002 will be noted.</p>	<p>d) TO and JJ to develop the communications plan which will be considered at the Panel meeting in February 2016.</p> <p>e) TO and JJ to consider whether national media activity should be included in the wider communication plan for the Panel's work.</p> <p>f) JJ and SW to review whether the Health Care Professionals involved in the historic cases are reflected in the post 2002 cases which are out of scope.</p>

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4.	Access Workstream Progress Report GIP/Paper 13.2	The Panel continues to engage all organisations listed in the Stakeholder Dashboard and all those who have responded have been positive. The Panel was given an overview on progress with the key stakeholder organisations on Pages 2 and 3 of Paper 13.2b.	g) PB to revise the Stakeholder dashboard for the December Panel meeting to include the summary information on the key stakeholders and column headings on every page and a key to the descriptors.
5.	Review Workstream & (CAD Update) Progress Report GIP/Paper 13.3	<p>Members of the Clinical Ascertainment Pilot Phase (CAPP) Team have access to Relativity. Sufficient material has been uploaded to Relativity to support early work on the CAPP. The CAPP team met in October to test the methodology for searching and recording findings on Relativity.</p> <p>The CAPP is focused on primary accountability information relating to a sample number of deceased patients. The Panel agreed that the CAPP should be extended to include the deceased patients in the peak clusters from August 1998 – September 1999, identified in the “Review of patients’ date of death - emerging findings” (Paper 12.4 refers).</p> <p>The Comparative Assessment Document (CAD) has been refined and simplified to save time and to make it easier to search for specific areas and pieces of information. CADs are being developed on the nine patients. The volume of material and time needed to populate the information for the CAD is being scoped to support the CAPP team in reporting its interim findings at December’s Panel meeting.</p>	h) PB, DJ and the Review Team to discuss sourcing the information required for the CAPP’s priority cases.
6.	Families’ responses to the Panel’s media activity GIP/Paper 13.4	The Panel noted the patterns of similarities in the new families’ narratives. These reinforce the narratives of existing families. The new narratives from families flag issues the Panel need to be aware of and other organisations the Panel could engage.	
7	Review of: “The Doctor’s Tale: Professionalism and Public Trust” - by Donald Irvine GIP/Paper 13.5	<p>The book summarises the history and culture of the General Medical Council (GMC) in the period between 1995 – 2001 which ushered in the internal reform agenda in the GMC and brought about unprecedented change in the regulations of doctors by the GMC.</p> <p>The book raises a number of questions in relation to the events at GWMH:-</p>	i) SW to map the chronology of the GMC hearings relating to events at GWMH and establish which guidance and procedures the hearings were

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		<p>How overall significant changes at the national level related to the culture in the GWMH.</p> <p>What was the chain of accountability in GWMH and the input of all professionals at GWMH, including on the different wards?</p> <p>The Review Team will be considering these questions as part of its analytical work on the Gosport Working Family Tree.</p>	conducted under.
8	<p>Highlight Report and High level plan</p> <p>GIP/Paper 13.6</p>	This was covered within the Workstream updates in items 3-5 above.	
9	<p>Forward Look</p> <p>GIP/Paper 13.7</p>	The Minister, Ben Gummer, has seen and noted the information the Panel sent to him to update him on the number of families the Panel is engaged with and work with organisations. The Permanent Secretary, Una O'Brien will meet the Bishop early in the New Year – 2016.	
10	AOB	<p>None</p> <p>The meeting ended at 1pm.</p>	