



## Minutes of meeting Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2005-12-06

### Present

Sarah Hibble, Dawn Hammond, Viv Ryan, Neil Griffiths

### XMAS party

To be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December, same venue as last year 3-5pm  
Sarah to write invitations, Viv to do food shopping – hot dogs, rolls, onions, sauces, crisps, drinks. Sarah to ask Dr Latham if he will be able to come and be Santa again. Clare to organise entertainer.

### Funds

Dawn gave Viv a cheque for £125 for the Lions Club, a thank you letter has been written. Viv gave Sarah a cheque for the pizzas at the swimming party.

### Campaign

Diabetes UK are currently running a campaign for more diabetes specialist nurses Nigel has a picture which he will send to all families for them to colour in and send to the PCT.

### Swimming Party

A lot of people enjoyed the swimming party and suggest we organise another one for spring next year. Sarah and Mark will try to arrange.

### Hospital xmas party

Again this year some families who are eligible have not been invited, Dawn asked Jan about why this is and she says she gives all the names to the ward of all the children under 9yrs old.

## **Mike Rowlands**

After following up some things from our previous meeting Mike agreed to come back and update the group.

Mike explained that Diabetes care is moving more and more towards the community. There is no fixed age for children to transfer to the adult unit, 16yrs is the average age but it depends on the maturity of the child. Mike spoke to the Director of Nursing Maggie Southcote-Want who stressed that the acute unit are very dependant on the support of parents of children with diabetes, children who attends AE are all triaged based on whether they have a life threatening problem. Children are prioritised above adults and there is a new paediatric unit within the treatment centre. There is a red card system whereby the GP can refer you directly to the ward rather than AE.

Mike phoned a parent directly to answer her concerns following our last meeting for which the parent expressed gratitude. Mike also mentioned the new walk in centre (wic), being built on the hospital grounds, which will be manned by nurses.

Mike also explained that the hospital now have funding and permission to build a new multi storey car park at the hospital which I am sure we are all pleased about!!

**Dates for next years meetings to be arranged**