



Minutes of meeting Tuesday 19th April 2005

Present

Peter Barker, Neil Griffiths, Sarah Hibble, Alistair Scott

1. PCT

Nigel re wrote to the PCT yesterday asking for deadlines for the information and actions they proposed in their previous letter. In response to Nigel's original letter from the PCT Sarah has contacted Mary Hartley to invite her to one of our evening meetings. Mary will be able to attend the June meeting (thurs 23rd) by which time she will have more information on the MK paediatric service, please make every effort to attend. Copies of the letters being sent to the PCT are also being forwarded to Brian White; Neil suggested that copies were also sent to Phyllis Starkey.

2. Leaflets

Sarah spoke to the ward sister on ward 5 regarding who makes up the initial packs for new diabetic children and their families, this is done by Jan Murray, the ward sister will discuss this with her further.

3. Balance article

Nigel recently attended the adult diabetes support group where this article was discussed further. Nigel has written to Balance to ask for an apology and is still awaiting a reply.

4. MK Council meeting

Nigel was contacted by a support worker from the council to ask if parents of children with teenage diabetics would be willing to attend a

meeting to discuss their experiences. Sarah Hibble and Alison Simmons attended Mary Hartley was present along with two councillors. They asked general questions around how much information families were given, what difficulties families faced around every day life including school and the facilities. Alison and Sarah tried to give as honest an opinion as possible relating difficulties they had heard from other families as well as their own. Minutes from the meeting were taken and we have been promised a copy will be sent to us. The main purpose of the meeting was not made particularly clear except to say that it was government led!

5.Events

Sarah has made contact with the Newport Pagnell swimming pool; the price of hire depends on how many people attend, as this would influence how many lifeguards were needed, also if we decided to hire the pool inflatable and bouncy castle. Alistair suggested we approached a drug company to see if they will pay the costs. Sarah will tentatively book for a date in June.

Contact will be made with Steven Simmonds to see if he has any more information on the residential visit to Grendon Hall next year.

Wimbledon football club have only one more fixture left this season, Mark will follow up the possibility of a subsidised visit next season.

Don't forget tombola prizes are now needed for the fete in Sherrington in June. Peter has offered some donations.

6. Adult support group

Nigel and Alistair are attending Kens meeting next Tuesday to feedback to them relevant issues from our group

Date and time of next meeting Wednesday 25th May 8pm Caldecotte Arms