



Minutes of meeting Thursday 24th March 2005

Present

Nigel Hammond, Alistair Scott, Neil Griffiths, Peter , Sarah Hibble

1. Letter to Primary Care Trust (PCT)

Nigel has received a reply from the PCT regarding the Dr Foster survey. They have set up a Local Implementation Team(LIT) who is reviewing the information in the survey especially in line with the recommendations showing that MK Paediatric Diabetes Nurse ratio is low. They will make recommendations to the Local Development Plan (LDP). Nigel is to respond asking for dates for this to happen. Sarah will ask Mary Hartley who runs the LIT if she would be willing to attend one of our meetings.

2. Leaflets

A general discussion was had around the fact that information about this group was not given to families of newly diagnosed children at an early enough time. There are still instances where local families only hear of us by looking up diabetes on the Internet. One area we thought might be helpful was if our leaflets were to be included in the initial pack about diabetes given to all families on diagnosis. Sarah will investigate this by speaking to the Nurses in charge of ward 5 and AE, Jenny Hallet the dietician and the Paediatric Liaison Nurse. There should be posters in all GP surgeries about our group, if you attend your local surgery and do not see one please advise us so that we can approach the surgery and see if we can put up a poster. Any other ideas on how to make us known to new families would be appreciated.

3. Balance article.

Nigel has received a reply from Diabetes UK Science Information Team regarding their article in the Balance magazine, they have eloquently put across their argument for the article however Nigel is going to write to them asking for an apology for the confusion caused to be included in the next issue of balance.

4. Sponsored walk Juvenile Diabetes Research foundation (JDRF)

Nigel will enquire about the date of this year's event.

5. Sugar free ice cream

Pete has now opened a shop in Caldecotte Street Newport Pagnell selling a range of sugar free goods from ice cream to biscuits. To place an order Telephone 07721 097247 or 07910 225157 or e-mail Diabeticsdelight@hotmail.com

5. Events co-ordinator

Steve Simmonds has agreed to take on this role, we will ask him to investigate the price and details of an activity weekend next year at Grendon Hall, which has previously been recommended to us by a support group in Northampton.

5. Web site

Our web site is now linked to Diabetes UK website, well done Nigel

Date Next meeting Tuesday April 19th Caldecotte Arms