



Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 27th September 2005

Present: Alistair Scott, Nigel Hammond, Sarah Hibble

1. Leaflets and books

Nigel has purchased 10 Dorling Kindersley books – Diabetes A practical guide to managing your health and various leaflets specifically targeted at different age groups. The plan is to make up packs for new families with children diagnosed with diabetes, also as a resource for the current members of the group. Alistair also suggested we investigate printing labels to stick onto the books saying for example *this book was brought by Mkkids with diabetes following fundraising events.*

2. Swimming party

See attached flyer. Mark Hibble has booked the swimming pool on Saturday 22nd October 6-7pm swim time with inflatable, 7-8pm dry time with bouncy castle(weather permitting). Sarah will contact some reps to see if they would be prepared to sponsor the event. The total cost is £123.35, Mark has written to see if the cost can be reduced and is awaiting a reply.

3. Diabetes UK

As we have support from Diabetes UK this is just a reminder to all families to consider becoming members of this essential organisation.

4. Family support weekends

Sarah has recently received information regarding family support weekends, there are a couple of dates left this year and the weekends are at various hotels through the country and cost £90 per adult £50 per child which includes all meals and children's activities. There is financial

support available if required through Diabetes UK. Contact Sarah for more information – 01908 218672

5. Campaigning

Nigel has received a reply from Phyllis Starkey who has written to the junior health minister regarding the lack of a 24hr helpline. The response wasn't promising as they suggest there is a helpline through Diabetes UK which only operates Monday to Friday 9-5.

6. Finance

Nigel needs reimbursement for recent outlays he has made –

Books	£50
Leaflets	£20
Domain name for website	£20

Mark has paid the deposit for the swimming pool £22

7. Visitor at next meeting

Mike Rowlands Chair of Acute Services has agreed to attend our next meeting. This is a great opportunity to put forward difficulties experienced by families when attending AE and ask any questions about the Hospital services. Please make every effort to attend, details of date etc at bottom of page. If you are unable to attend but have examples of difficulties experienced or you have questions please contact one of the committee members prior to the meeting so that we can include your comments

Next meeting Wednesday 26th October 8pm Caldecotte Arms