

# MECSUG

## Minutes of Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Apologies:</b> John D Smith, Paul Foulger, Phil Clarke, Maria Curtis, Jane Giles</p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> James West (<b>JPW</b>), Clive Blanchard (<b>CB</b>), Barbara Edwards (<b>BE</b>), Sue Piper (<b>SP</b>), Graham Hart (<b>GH</b>), Clive King (<b>CK</b>), John Lancaster (<b>JL</b>), Dan Matthews (<b>DM</b>), John Hunt (<b>JH</b>), Mike Heath (<b>MH</b>), Jonathan Wright (<b>JW</b>), Jane Dixon-Hodge (<b>JDH</b>)</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Minutes from 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014</b> Accepted – significant items covered by agenda</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b> <b>Psychotherapy and Counselling Service</b> – confirmed that GPs as well as Hospital can and do refer patients where appropriate. Patient Experience Group – Bedside Folder – subject to significant restructuring and editing. CB comments have been fed back to Lynn Thomas. Latest version to be sent to JPW for MECSUG distribution asap. Revised MECSUG Patient Survey – on hold pending Lynn Thomas return from sick leave</p>	<b>JW</b>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Cancer Services Management Board (CSMB) - Feedback from 21 Feb 2014 Meeting</b> Notes from 21 Feb meeting distributed with agenda Concern expressed that two oncologist posts are filled by locums – experience of group is that continuity of care needs stable patient/consultant relationship – can and has been achieved by patient insisting on it (managing their own health care . Need to understand if Broomfield’s difficulty is local or endemic across the NHS – comparative statistics required for other Trusts within Essex. MECSUG to meet with Mark Angus to assess implication. Major concerns with the issues raised by Broomfield’s response to the Immediate Review of Cancer Services at Colchester (Paul Thorndon letter to Andrew Pike). In particular the proposal for a review of future cancer services across Essex and the timing (1 year for review to develop a 5 year plan). Group felt that local MPs should be made aware of this – MECSUG to mail them.</p>	<b>JPW</b>  <b>JW</b> <b>JPW/SP/CB</b>  <b>CB/JPW</b>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Local Cancer Forum – Feedback from 5 Feb 2014 Meeting</b> Notes from meeting 5 Feb distributed with agenda. Suggestion that review of Urology services should consider use of Da Vinci machine at Broomfield has since been vetoed by Specialised Cancer Clinical Reference Group. (memo – recent TV item on CHUFT Urology Services showed use of Addenbrokes Da Vinci!)</p>	<b>JPW</b>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Communications</b> Hospital Radio Public Service Announcement – No response to JPW’s latest communication with Hospital Radio’s Mark Willis – Script and Audio clips to be progressed via Graham Hart’s contacts. MECSUG web site – very low volume traffic – seen as a ‘nice to have’ rather than essential. Liaison to Support Groups/NSSGs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHANGES (Support Group) and H&amp;N NSSG – nothing to report</li> <li>• Upper GI NSSG – draft Patient Survey Questionnaire to be distributed to MECSUG Questionnaire subgroup via JPW</li> <li>• Breast Support Group – MECSUG to arrange liaison session via Simon Smith</li> <li>• Urology – Support group proposed by Chris Stubbings - and to be followed up using experience of setting up Stoma Support Group</li> </ul> <p>East of England Senate (feedback from Paul Foulger via JPW) –<i>The Senate is still in embryonic stage .. will be about another 6 months before it will be 'operational'</i>.</p>	<b>GH/JPW</b>      <b>JPW</b> <b>JL</b>  <b>JPW/SP</b> <b>DM/CB</b>

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<b>7</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cancer Research UK (CRUK) – Invitation to Patient Portal Event on 5<sup>th</sup> March distributed – MECSUG members can sign up via web!</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> March – NHS Change Day – Stand in Broomfield Atrium well supported by staff</li> <li>• MEHST website has been updated - <a href="http://www.meht.nhs.uk/">http://www.meht.nhs.uk/</a> – MECSUG feedback and comments welcomed</li> <li>• MEHST has started using ‘Twitter’ via ‘Helen.West@MEHT’ – MECSUG member with Twitter account to check out</li> <li>• Helen Rollason – Graham Hart is now a Trustee and will continue links with MECSUG</li> </ul>	<p style="color: red; text-align: center;"><b>JPW</b></p> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;"><b>JW</b> <b>SP</b></p> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;"><b>GH</b></p>
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Items for Next Meeting</b></p> <p>MECSUG Patient Survey</p> <p>Patient Bedside Folder</p>	

**Next Meeting (to be confirmed)**  
**10:00-12:00 Friday 28 Mar 2014**  
**Medical Academic Unit, Lecture Theatre 2**

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