

Questions to the OCCG Board Meeting – 31 January 2019

Questions posed at the meeting:

Helen Cornish: I have had 22 years of Chronic Fatigue and understand the difficulties of diagnosis and treatment and that CCGs are bound by National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidelines. I have undergone a programme of treatment and specialist training called The Chrysalis Effect which seems to be an effective recovery process. A trial has just begun with 30 people signed up to a nine month programme. It is an online programme supported by therapists who have undergone specialist training. The programme is not medical and there is a need to work with doctors.

Mr and Mrs Cornish were provided with the details of the appropriate people to link with in order to take this forward.

Barrie Finch: Thanked the CCG for sending hard copies of the papers to County Hall and the County Library but advised both sets had ended up in the Library. Mr Finch had sorted the misunderstanding. Mr Finch understood a report on Wantage would be taken to the Oxfordshire Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee (HOSC). Mr Finch reiterated previous remarks made on access for those without a computer pointing to Paper 11 and comments on the Integrated System Delivery Board (ISDB) and the way engagement was undertaken being critical. Mr Finch raised a polite point on jargon and acronyms pointing out papers for public consumption should be readable, understandable and intelligible. He raised the need to move to an Integrated Care System (ICS) pointing out public involvement and engagement seemed to have stopped in the last three to six months, that there had not been a public consultation and he understood this would not happen. He advised he was speaking to the Board as a member of the National Pensioners Convention and a member of the Social Care and Health Working Party stressing that engagement was critical.

OCCG was pleased to see there was now access to hard copies of the OCCG Board papers and thanked Mr Finch for highlighting and resolving the issue of both sets being placed in the Library.

OCCG agreed that papers should be readable and understandable and would continue to reiterate this internally as well as minimising the use of jargon although where this was used it would be fully explained.

It was correct that in March 2018 OCCG had indicated it would not take forward Phase 2 of the Consultation as originally planned. Since then OCCG has developed, and the Health and Wellbeing Board have adopted, the planning for future population health and care needs framework which clearly highlights the importance of working with the local population.

<https://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/documents/meetings/board/2018/11/2018-11-29-Paper-18-69-Planning-for-Future-Population-Health-and-Care-Needs.pdf>