

Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Forum of Hospice Chairmen (FHC) Zoom Call – 29 July 2021

Representative	Hospice	Region
Present		
Kate Tompkins	Dorothy House Hospice Care	Chair/South West
Robin Graham-Brown	LOROS	East Midlands
Fiona Ross	Princess Alice Hospice	London
David Dickson	St Leonard's Hospice	Yorks & Humber
Michael Baker	City Hospice	Wales
Apologies		
Rod Leggetter	Isabel Hospice	East of England
Andrew Chancellor	St Michael's Hospice	South Central
Harry Byrne	St Teresa's Hospice	North East
Hospice UK attendees		
Rowena Lovell	Hospice UK	Director of Strategy & Governance
Scarlett Eburne	Hospice UK	Executive Assistant

EC/21/13 Welcome and apologies

Kate Tompkins welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that Geoff Pringle retired and the committee, and the group would like to thank him for his support during his term of office. We have received apologies from Rod Leggetter, David Dickson and Andrew Chancellor.

EC/21/14 Minutes & Matters Arising

Minutes of meeting held on 26 April 2021

The minutes were agreed to be a true representation of the previous meeting. However, Terry O'Leary and David Brown should be added to the list of attendees.

Matters Arising

The Vice Chair role description is outstanding and will be developed later this year. However it was noted that the terms of reference would need to be adjusted to allow for this.

EC/21/15 Chair's Update

- We have a newly appointed Chief Executive of the NHS, Amanda Pritchard, who was the Chief Operating Officer prior to this. Amanda Pritchard has a particular interest in the role of digital in the delivery of care.
- Workforce. Sue Deheney – part in the integrated care system and part of workforce planning. Have a look at the piece that has been written by Jonathan if you have a chance.

EC/21/16 Trustee Network

- Jo Owen will be speaking at the September trustee network. This session will focus on the hybrid transformations that will take place in the business environment following the pandemic. Jo Owens will tailor his discussion to the palliative care sector. His advice is very pertinent and relevant.
- Scarlett will be on leave next week but is pulling the invitation together to be sent out the week commencing 9 August, one month prior to the webinar on 15 September.
- Robin Graham-Brown and Fiona Ross are hoping to deliver a session in December on federated models of education. Kate Tompkins will liaise with her contact with regards to dates.

EC/21/17 Hospice UK Update

We will be going out to recruit new representatives for the South West and West Midlands this month and then London later in the year.

The meeting noted an update on Hospice UK's business priorities for the next year including:

- Transformation which includes the future vision project as well as hospice activity data, and the large project of looking at sustainable funding for end of life care moving forward.
- Wellbeing with a big focus on Dying Matters.
- Equality, diversity and inclusion for Hospice UK and support for the sector
- Other support programmes including ECHO networks, PPE, and our more general policy and advocacy work, influencing key decision makers.
- The current strategy will be retained for another year. The strategic review will launch in April next year with the view to a new strategy being in place from April 2023.
- We have a number of new roles including - Head of Health and Care Systems and Head of Innovation Resources (role to focus on new innovation hub) as a part of the Future Vision programme and a conference events co-ordinator who will be responsible for supporting the trustee network and the organisation of Trustee Conference next year.
- National Conference will be going ahead from 3-5 November and this will be run as a hybrid virtual/face to face event.

- Carole Walford, Chief Clinical Officer, will be leaving Hospice UK at the end of this week.

EC/21/18 Regional Updates

Fiona Ross - London

We haven't had a meeting recently but everyone has enjoyed access to the Trustee Network meetings. We have recruited some committee advisors from different ethnic minority backgrounds, working in sectors like university or private trusts, pharmaceuticals etc. We are running an in house development programme to develop these roles into possible trustee roles in future.

Terry O-Leary – South East

South East Chairs meet twice a year and we try to coincide with a meeting of SE Chief Execs so we can benefit from that interaction also. Our last meeting was in April and we joined CE colleagues in an interactive exercise with HUK around the '9 Principles' which I reported on to a previous FHC.

Sussex Chairs meet quarterly and at our meeting on 30th July we discussed - apart from very local issues - the challenges of resuming 'normal' activity as we exit the pandemic, the concept of a hybrid board operation post-Covid (topic to be covered in HUK Trustee session on 15th September) and the potential for hospices to collaborate with each other and with acute hospitals for palliative medical/consultant cover (where this does not already happen).

Finally, our Sussex collaboration is beginning to gain traction particularly in areas of external and internal training and in joining forces to interact with our local commissioners. Interaction with commissioners is complicated in the South East by geography but in Sussex we are seeing a hopeful breakthrough with commissioners taking the initiative to discuss with us a 'pilot to develop a core specification and financial methodology aligned to NHSE Commissioning and Investment Framework'.

Robin Graham-Brown – East Midlands

Recruitment and diversity is still a challenge. Of 15 board members we have a good gender mix but only 2 members from the BAME community. At LOROS we have a diversity subcommittee.

David Dickson – Yorkshire & Humber

Has distributed the survey (appendix 1) for the attention of the committee.

Michael Baker – Wales

We now have a new minister for health which gives us a 4-5 year tenure. The Welsh government is currently conducting an audit of provision in Wales. We're expecting by Sept/Oct that we will know how they plan to fund hospice care over the next 4-5 years.

EC/21/19 Next Meeting

The date for the next Forum of Hospice Chairs will be scheduled for December.

