

## Wharfside Patients' Forum

### Notes of meeting held on Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2009

**Present:** Garry Wall co-chair  
Frank

Caroline Hart: Sexual Health Pathway Manager

Dr Alan Winston: Clinical Trials

Candice Leigh Clark: Sexual Health Commissioner, Kensington and Chelsea

Clint Walters: Commissioning Officer, Kensington and Chelsea

**Apologies:** Bernard Forbes, Robert Goodwin

The following items were dealt with at this meeting:

1. Clinical Trials – Update
2. Notes from last meeting
3. GP Access
4. Future of WSPF
5. New Sexual Health Marketing Campaign
6. Other Business

#### 1 Clinical trials-Update

The Jefferiss Wing Clinical Trials Unit continues to be a busy unit running approximately 20 clinical studies at any one time. A summary of current projects were discussed and include the following:

· *HIV prevention studies*

- Vaccine studies
- Microbicide studies
- Transmission studies

*HIV treatment studies*

- Running the large industry studies assessing new antiretroviral agents although fewer projects in this areas are now being conducted
- Strategic studies on when to start antiretroviral therapy and novel combinations in collaboration with national and international groups

*Pharmacokinetic studies*

- Assessing the exposure in the body of antiretroviral drugs

*HIV and the brain studies*

- Assessing cognitive function in HIV infected subjects

The forum expressed an interest in ageing studies in HIV infection. Alan Winston discussed that such projects are in development and will update the forum with progress made in this area.

## 2 Notes from Last Meeting

Agreed

## 3 GP Access

Garry has joined a Steering Group facilitated by Angelina Namiba from Positively Women that is hoped to encourage GP's to attend training and courses so as to be better informed in the ways of treating a patient with HIV in the community. Patients from several clinics in London have expressed dissatisfaction with their GP's and this has been an issue for some time. With an ageing HIV population access and confidence in ones GP is vital. This approach is different than the one proposed by Bernard and the forum about GP's being available in the clinic but unfortunately we missed the deadline for applying for funding. **Patients NOT registered with a GP will find it difficult to get the Swine Flu vaccine when available.**

## 4 Future of WSPF

In recent times the WSPF has achieved much and currently it seems all is well at Wharfside. The newly decorated waiting room is very pleasant and the lavatories are considerably improved. As a consequence and no doubt that people have busy lives separate to HIV, attendance at the monthly meetings has fallen and as a result there is now one co-chair and one patient representing the views of the Wharfside Patients. Things have not been helped by our previous meeting place in the Macrae Room in the QEQM wing no longer being available to us and currently we can meet in the Rodney Porter Seminar Room in Crusaid but this is difficult to get to.

One consideration is to move the forum online and have a live webchat once monthly thereby reaching people who have difficulty travelling in the evenings who may have issues that need addressing. Any views or advice from patients with knowledge of IT would be most appreciated and you would be very welcome at our next meeting to discuss further. Support in updating the WSPF website and creating a chat service is also needed.

## 5 New Sexual Health Marketing Campaign

Caroline Hart showed the forum plans for a new Sexual Health Marketing Campaign soon to be launched by the Jefferiss Wing. The idea is to use the information below on copies of maps of the London Underground. Some wording was changed but the forum support making people aware of their sexual health:

## Copy for Sexual Health Marketing Campaign

### GENERAL

#### A Sexual Health Service for everyone

Free walk in service, same day treatment, HIV testing and comprehensive care, no appointment necessary, complete confidentiality

The Jefferiss Wing, St Mary's Hospital, Winsland Mews

Praed St, Paddington RAILLOGO, London W2 1NY 020 7886 1125 (or new number) [www.jefferisswing.nhs.uk](http://www.jefferisswing.nhs.uk)

WALK IN OPENING TIMES: Monday 8.45am - 6.15pm, Tuesday 8.45am - 6.15pm, Wednesday 11.45am – 6.15pm, Thursday 8.45am – 6.15pm, Friday 8.45am – 3.15pm

### MSM

#### A Sexual Health Service for everyone

A gay friendly, free service with **rapid HIV testing** and vaccinations.

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APPOINTMENTS: GUYS@Mary's Clinic Wednesday evenings 6pm – 8pm for gay men aged under 30. Call 020 7886 6790 to book an appointment.

#### Copy for 'tube stops'

1. General population 1 (names)  
(e.g. tube stops, bus interiors, phone boxes, leaflets)

Selection of multi national names

2. General population 2  
(diagnoses) (e.g. tube stops, bus interiors, phone boxes, leaflets)

1. HIV
2. Syphilis
3. Chlamydia
4. Gonorrhoea
5. Herpes
6. Warts
7. Crabs

- General population 3  
(symptoms) (e.g. tube stops, bus interiors, phone boxes, leaflets)

1. Itch?
2. Burning?
3. Pain?

4. Discharge?
5. Lumps?
6. Worried?
7. Healthy?

3. General population 4  
(languages)

A single word in our seven community languages (e.g. free, welcome)

Languages tbc but certainly Spanish, Portuguese, polish, urdu, arabic

4. MSM (men who have sex with men) (targeted in gay press)

1. 30 minute HIV tests
2. Vaccinations
3. Check ups
4. PEP
5. Condoms
6. Advice
7. HIV care

## 6 Other Business

*Patient Information Leaflet.* The forum was disappointed to be informed that there is no further progress on this patient led information leaflet due to lack of communication from the design department. Caroline Hart is to contact Keir Ritchie about delay.

*Suggestion Box:* There was nothing in the Suggestion Box to report this month.

*Meeting Venue:* For the moment the WSPF is meeting in the Rodney Porter Seminar Room in the Crusaid Ward, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Cambridge Wing on the last Wednesday of each month between 6-8pm

**The next meeting of the WSPF will be on Wed Oct 28<sup>th</sup> in the Rodney Porter Seminar Room.**

**Refreshments served**