Buckinghamshire County Council

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Agenda

REVIEW OF CARE OF OLDER PEOPLE IN A HOSPITAL SETTING

Date: Thursday 7 June 2012

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Room 84, Old County Offices

9.45 Pre-meeting discussion (closed)

Members of the Task & Finish Group will discuss key lines of inquiry and desired outcomes for the session.

This session is for members of the committee only. It is to allow discussion of matters such as what line of questioning should be pursued and by whom, which areas of discussion should be covered, and what members wish to achieve from the meeting.

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1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

10.00am

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3 CARE OF OLDER PEOPLE IN A HOSPITAL SETTING - FROM A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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Members will hear examples of best practice nationally in caring for older people in hospitals, what the particular challenges might be, staff training and recommended staffing levels on older people wards.

Contributor:

Patricia Marquis, SE Regional Director, RCN

Papers:

'Safe Staffing for older people's wards – RCN summary guidance and recommendations' 2012

'Delivering Dignity – Securing dignity in care for older people in hospitals and care homes' LGA, NHS Confederation, Age UK 2012





4 CARE OF OLDER PEOPLE IN HOSPITALS - 10.45 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE PERSPECTIVE

Members will discuss care of older people in Buckinghamshire hospitals, in particular, the Medicine for Older People's wards. Topics will include:

- Accountability and management of the wards
- Assessment of patients and development of care plans
- Involvement of families
- Staff training on nutrition, dignity, compassion and dementia
- Opportunities for challenging practice
- Patient feedback how this is used to improve practice
- Dealing with complaints
- Initiatives to improve care and how they are being rolled out to other areas of the acute trust, including of nutrition, dignity, compassion and dementia
- Use of volunteers

Contributors:

Lynne Swiatczak, Chief Nurse, Buckinghamshire Healthcare Trust (BHT)
Jo Birrell, Modern Matron, BHT

5 CARE FOR OLDER PATIENTS WITH MENTAL HEALTH 12.00 ILLNESS IN HOSPITAL

Members will learn about the provision of care in hospitals for older people with mental health illness. Areas discussed will include:

- Particular challenges involved in caring for older patients with mental health illness, in a hospital environment
- Numbers of in-patients cared for
- Staffing levels
- Assessment of older patients
- The impact on patients of long stays in hospital
- Re-admission rates
- Process for managing complaints
- Involvement of families
- Liaison with BHT, including training

Contributors:

Deborah Humphrey, Head of Nursing (Older Adults), Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust

Dr Brian Murray, Consultant Older Adult Psychiatrist & Clinical Director, Aylesbury Older Adult Community Mental Health Team

6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

13.00

The next meeting will take place on 15 June 2012, 10.00am, Phoenix 3, Old County Offices, Aylesbury.

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