

National Assembly for Wales Cross Party Group on Diabetes

Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 22 September 2015 in Conference Room
21, Ty Hywel

Attendees

Jenny Rathbone AM (Chair)
Jeff Cuthbert AM
Julie Morgan AM
John Griffiths (lay Member)
Julia Platts (National Clinical Lead)
Jason Harding (Diabetes UK Cymru)
Dai Williams (Diabetes UK Cymru)
Sara Moran (Diabetes UK Cymru)
Yvonne Johns (Diabetes North Wales Reference Groups)
David Chapman (Representing Medtronic)
Helen Cunningham (Office of Jenny Rathbone AM)
Lesley Jordan (Input)
Matthew Russell (MSD)
Dr Sarah Davies (Woodlands Medical Centre, Cardiff)
Robert Koya-Rawlinson (Novo Nordisk)
Catherine Washbrook (Community Dietetics – Cardiff & Vale HUB)
Rob Lee (Patient Representative)
Amal Luchmun (Sanofi)
Nicola Davies-Job (Royal College of Nursing)
Jonathan Hudson (Astrazeneca)

Apologies

Pippa Ford (Chartered Institute of Physiotherapy)
Paul Coker (Input Patient Advocacy)
Scott Cawley (All Wales Podiatry)
Penny Griffiths (Diabetes Peer Support)
Dr Lindsay George (Clinical Lead, Diabetes, Llandough Hospital)
Robert Wright (Lay Member)
Rhian Shaw (Sanofi)
Ben Everard (Sanofi)
David Millar Jones (PCDS)

1) Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record and there were no matters arising that were not on the agenda

2) Driving and Diabetes – Presentation by Matthew Russell, MSD

Matthew Russell gave a presentation on research about driving with diabetes, and resultant concerns about driving with hypoglycaemia. The research; *The forgotten risk of driving with hypoglycaemia in type 2 diabetes*, was conducted by the Transport Research Laboratory with over 1500 people via 15 minute online interviews

(http://www.trl.co.uk/umbraco/custom/report_files/PPR720.pdf)

The presentation showed that people with diabetes who are on insulin are more likely to be aware of the issues around driving with diabetes. It also showed that there are 5 fatalities a year and 540 road traffic accidents because of people driving with hypoglycaemia.

A discussion took place around the role of the DVLA and the implications for people with diabetes who drive for a living. Matthew Russell told the group that some organisations like Eddie Stobart, the GMB and Unison had engaged with the report's findings. Sarah Davies described the process for when she would contact the DVLA as a GP, and Julia Platts confirmed that the DVLA rules state that a licence will be revoked after two hypoglycaemic attacks that they are made aware of. She added that she is aware that some people will keep their blood sugar too high for fear of losing their licences.

Dai Williams commented that the National Service Advisory Group are looking at all Wales guidelines at the moment. Yvonne Johns added that the guidelines are expected in November and there is guidance in them about driving.

Robert Koya Rawlinson commented that the report's findings around ambulance call outs shows there is an opportunity to look at the way data is collected and follow up. The meeting also agreed that there is an issue around hyperglycaemia which should not be overlooked.

Action: Helen to circulate copy of presentation to CPG members via e-mail

3) All Wales Diabetes Implementation Group update (Julia Platts)

Julia gave a wide ranging update on last year's priorities (attached) and provided the group with a written report on progress of the implementation group's priorities, and what the new priorities are.

A discussion took place and there was agreement that the group may benefit from hearing more about the joint working going on in cardio vascular and stroke services.

There was a discussion about the implementation of an IT system which some members felt had been too slow and was not delivering as it should be. Equally, the group discussed how some health boards had been slow to engage in the Diabetes Delivery Framework including producing annual reports.

4) Paediatric Services (Jason Harding)

Jason informed the group of the recent formulation of a Children and Young People Diabetes Wales network. The Chair and Co-ordinator are in place and looking to share best practice and reach out to parents too. The network will be launched tomorrow.

Justin Warner, Consultant in Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes, is working on guidance for schools in caring for pupils with diabetes. Jason commented that the Welsh Government have responded positively in recognising that the guidance needs to be looked at again. It will be consulted on in the autumn.

Diabetes UK Cymru are also arranging a round table discussion on paediatric services in November

5) Forward Work Plan

The meeting discussed what direction the CPG should take for future meetings. The group agreed that the Healthcare Inspectorate Wales should be invited to discuss how they are inspecting care for diabetic patients

Jenny Rathbone re-iterated that the purpose of the group is to flag up issues, raise awareness and seek to influence and highlight issues.

The next meeting will be the last one of the fourth Assembly. It was agreed that it should be a panel discussion with all of the health spokespeople from each party, followed by a question and answer session.

6) Any Other Business including date of next meeting

Jason clarified the latest position on the ABMU prosecutions previously discussed by the cross party group. He told the group that the two nurses who pleaded not guilty are being tried from 28th Sept for six weeks. At the end of the trial those three who pleaded guilty will be sentenced.

Date of next meeting – A provisional date of **23 February 2016** was agreed for next meeting (Q&A and Panel Discussion)