

Marlborough Community Area Board
23.09.09
Appendix to Minutes

Val Compton wished to have the following comments added to the record of the extraordinary meeting of the Marlborough Community Area Board held on 23 September 2009.

Rich Pitts - Chair MAVCAP

Quite a lot of questions we wanted to ask have been covered but there are some others documented we would like to bring at a later date. Many commercial companies have to balance the needs of an emergency against that of 'business as usual'. Could not the NHS do the same as companies who move staff temporarily from regular jobs to attend emergencies so that a minor injury service could still be offered locally?

Val Compton

Jeff James, at the Board meeting held earlier, had promised to explore the possibility of an integrated urgent care centre in this area. Because more people want to die at home, could some of the empty space in Savernake be used for the Community Team from Prospect Hospice? If Prospect nurses could be based there, the spin off citing them near to the PCT Neighbourhood Team, plus the possible Oncology service, would be advantageous. If funding is to be very short for the next 3 or 4 years (especially for voluntary groups) maybe space for individual treatment and group sessions could be offered to Prospect, within Savernake, to enable treatment to be closer to home.

Rt Hon Michael Ancram QC MP

Summing up the meeting, he said that the evening had been useful; he had spent 17 years supporting Savernake Hospital and would continue to do so. He wished to make three final points:

- Regarding the Judicial Review, he accepted that the decision was lawful, but as a lawyer would make the distinction between a decision that was lawful and one that was right.
- He was delighted to hear the PCT would be looking at the question of an integrated urgent day care centre as that may offer a way forward.
- The problem of centralising services was highlighted and its impact on those living on the periphery of the area as they have as much right as everyone else in Wiltshire.