

Minutes of KONP SG 6th July 2019

1. In attendance: Tony O'Sullivan (co-chair), John Puntis (co-chair; Leeds),

Peter Gillard (EC; Shropshire), Louse Irvine (Lewisham), Jan Savage (Tower Hamlets), Carolyn Pickering (Sussex), Colin Hutchinson (Doctors for the NHS), Eileen Smith (Greenwich), Frances Hook (Greenwich; observer), Richard Buckwell (Nottingham), Greg Dropkin (Liverpool), Tone Horwood (Bristol), Keith Venables (EC; Belper), Dennis McWilliams, (South Warks), Jane Bramley, (Nottingham), Martin Blanchard, (Enfield).

Apologies: Carol Ackroyd (EC; Hackney), Mary Burnett (Waltham Forest), Coral Jones (NELSON; Sonik), Margaret Ridley (Cambridge; Hands off Hinchbrook), Anna Pollert (South Warks), John Lipetz (Camden), Eve Turner (Ealing), Elizabeth Rylance-Watson (Southwark), Sue Richards (EC; Islington); Jacky Davis (EC; Doctors for the NHS); Terry Tallis (EC; Stockport); Cathy Augustine (Oxford),

2. Minutes

Steering Group May 2019 and KONP AGM circulated. EC Meeting April and May on SG website page.

Matter arising: complaint re chairing of May SG meeting

Eileen Smith (ES), Frances Hook (FH): a leaflet about primary care networks (PCN) from Greenwich KONP was presented at May SG with no prior warning and co-chair said the leaflet was inaccurate. Did not receive some information in advance. Felt disrespected at discussion.

Complaint acknowledged and Tony O'Sullivan (TOS) apologised. There had been a discussion in South East London Save Our NHS (SELSON) alliance of groups which was intended not to be public but a small informal discussion about PCN. Reiterated that no challenge to points that were factual but some points about GPs lists being absorbed into PCN and booking appointments were inaccurate. Accepted that there will be disagreement on some issues. Agreed that it would have been better for SG to see in advance and take on board points about process and that colleagues/fellow campaigners should at all times be treated with respect.

ES, FH happy that it has been aired and no further action.

3a) KONP Elections

Louise Irvine (LI), Tone Harwood (TH), Cathy Augustine (CA) have joined EC. John Puntis (JP) moved from secretary to co-chair, John Lister (JL) moved to secretary, TH now Treasurer.

3b) KONP Motions at AGM for SG endorsement

- i) Migrant charging – endorsed
- ii) KONP campaigning strategy – endorsed
- iii) GP Charter and campaign – endorsed
- iv) Trade Deals campaign – endorsed
- v) Bring in-house hospital catering - endorsed

Campaign motion updates since last SG / AGM

Migrant charges – working group established – local groups contacting Trusts and CCGs. Issues known in Oxford, London, Liverpool, Leeds. Grand round held at Liverpool (emphasising importance of involving groups supporting migrants), others involving Unison but currently no national agreement from Unison. Motion going to Labour Women's party conference.

BMA passed motion at ARM last week opposing charging. Health Select Committee summoned Matt Hancock who did not attend twice and they did not review policy just amendment. More MPs getting concerned because public contacting them.

Actions:

- **GD to write update for Lowdown / HCT newspaper – and websites.**
- **Working group to circulate FOI and PQ wording**
- **All continue to feed into working group**
- **All encourage locally to brief MPs**
- **EC/working group continue contact with Medact and DocsnotCops**

GP Charter and discussion document – discussion about PCNs and what is already happening, and how to amend charter / discussion documents. SG agreement that better to campaign re dangerous elements of PCN because GPs already signing up to PCNs. SG recommended amendments and Louise Irvine to follow up

Amendments

- **change sentence to clarify GP lists - what is / isn't**
- **add physician associates into Multidisciplinary team heading**
- **include non-clinical in privatisation section**
- **add wording re GPs wanting control if in PCN but clarification re GP control of allied HPs, practice nurses etc**
- **put acknowledgement re ICS dangers – risk shares, control totals into discussion document**

Actions:

- **FH to send LI examples of practice nurses who don't have NHS pensions**
- **SG to draft opposition to CCG merger and statutory dangers**

Trade deals - reiteration that national government issue to put services out to tender not EU decision e.g. Germany and France have protected health services from competition. Discussion about resources available for demonstration with competing campaigns in October. Window poster campaign suggested and then mobilise when discussion of trade deals emerges. JS asked if was possible to have an indication of the number of hits that the KONP website was getting relating to trade issues since the Trump statement.

Actions:

- **Sussex KONP to produce window poster draft after EC approval**
- **Jan Savage / KONP trade deals sub-group to liaise with Global Justice Now, War on Want and other groups.**
- **KONP EC to continue to liaise with We Own It and Change.org re existing petition**
- **All**

- **read updated report from sub-group on KONP website**
- **review model letter for MPs on KONP website**

In-house catering – discussion around focus re nutrition, skilled staff, patient recovery, cost reduction and privatisation, recommendation re James Martin and in-house catering TV series.

Action: FH / Greenwich KONP to start briefing / campaign

4. KONP campaigning/planned activities.

Deferred KONP AGM Motion re monthly SG meetings not endorsed re cost, travel and existing capacity/commitments. Survey of KONP groups re SG meetings – consider improvements / amendments to SG meetings to increase representation from affiliated groups and usage of KONP campaign manager time.

6. HCT Update – Keith Venables (KV)

KV reported on the recent work of the HCT TU group which is friendly with KONP. Activists had attended half a dozen union conferences, encouraging local branches to affiliate to HCT; KONP leaflets had been very well received. The number of unions now fighting outsourcing has increased and KONP members had joined many picket lines, finding common ground. The next major event is at the Durham Miners Gala where KONP/HCT have a stall and at which a large team of volunteers will give out our special union-focused leaflet.

Labour Party – KV is currently arranging a major health campaigning event alongside the Labour Party Conference in September/Brighton within the cloak of "The World Transformed"; a very successful political education forum, at which John Lister and KV spoke last year. The SHA have circulated a motion for CLPs to put through to Labour Conference.

In that context, Jon Ashworth, Shadow Secretary of State for Health contacted KV, suggesting a meet up before parliamentary recess. John Lister agreed to take this further.

KV reminded people that Terry Tallis and himself had offered a regular column (with suggestions for local political engagement and dealing with setbacks) within KONP monthly newsletter. He promised to contact Tom Griffiths for the July issue.

Mental Health Crisis Summit, Royal Free, London, 28th September. Conference development going well.

Actions

- **all to take and circulate leaflets / promote conference**
- **all to take and circulate HCT newspaper**
- **Martin Blanchard (MB) to contact Tom**
- **volunteers needed to attend and distribute leaflets in Durham**
- **TO to follow up with GMB**

7. Liaison with other organisations. Deferred – as above

8. Local reports:

(3 minutes each, focus on new activities)

South Warks – Sir Chris Ham (independent chair) revising STP governance arrangements – campaign group attending meeting on Tuesday – concerns re accountability and no public engagement. GD suggested to ask about risk sharing.

Action – DW to update SG after next week

Shropshire – lost several of Trust board and directors. Key issues midwife led units and acute reorganisation – meeting at Independent Reconfiguration Panel next week.

Leeds – Northern HCT last week – 75 attended , 15 towns / cities across North, very positive. Bradford Unison strike starting next week re Wholly Owned Subsidiary (WOS) will be joining picket.

Nottingham – Circle is being difficult as possible over contract handover. They are campaigning over private catering providers. Organising union workshop with JL on ICPs in September. Organising showing of Under the Knife.

Tower Hamlets – going to have teach-in for members on primary care networks

Merseyside – article in HCT paper. Currently homing in on CCG over rationing. Going to CCG next week – FOI questions for sharing/reuse:

None of 7 treatments are mentioned in NHSE evidence guidance for CCGs – why reviewing locally at this time?

Which national authority directed them to revise policy on 50 different treatments and who told CCGs to review their response?

Bristol now includes Weston Super Mare – currently demo against shutting A&E at Weston General. Only discovered a month ago that IAPTS been put out to tender – preferred bidder – bunch of physios in Essex. Already have contracts in Bristol but no experience in running service for upwards of 200,000 people. Adult community services – don't know who preferred bidder is yet.

Greenwich – long term care plan – chapter 3:2 at end being reviewed. NHSE said there has been a consultation, but equalities impact has to be local so NHSE claim doesn't stand up. Impact assessment on equality. Attended board meeting – found out five companies employed by Lewisham/Greenwich trust re catering.

Action: Fran to send to John/Tony an email.

Belper / Derby – meeting in Oct with RCN Derbyshire re safe and effective care. Belper – people now elected locally now working on health issues. Focusing on county scrutiny board. Unions working with us.

9. Officers reports. Sent out for AGM and on website.

10. KONP social media. No updates, change.org petition still growing. Jacky Davis to continue with Twitter.

11. Matters arising: no further matters

12. AOB.

JS – June Hautot ill but still fighting, with us in spirit, wanting to say hi,

Action – SG get card and circulate; send message of support back via Jan.

13. Meetings:

EC: 26th July 2019, Unite offices Holborn 13.00 – 15.30

SG: 14th September 2019. Venue agreed: Brighton. Details of location to be circulated,

SG: 9th November, N.B. will be held in Unite Offices, Board Room 7th Floor, Holborn and not in Moreland Street

Nicola Avery/JP ; July 6th 2019