

Citizens' Senate Meeting No 27 - 30/9/2020

11.00 - 12.30

Meeting notes: This is a summary of above meeting. The meeting was not recorded

Present: A Nunn, A Nutt, C Stodel, S Rae, P Ma, F Carey, L Cook, G Orves, A Fordham, V Carr, J Dearling, K James, D Huxter, P Osman, R Earp, T Fernandes, S Coote, R Johnson, N Huxter

Guest Speakers: Dr Richard Sandford, Sian Brand

1. The meeting commenced with an energiser, multiple choice quiz, how much do you know about our health services. You can find the quiz on the CS website - <https://www.eocitizenssenate.org/previous-meeting-minutes>
2. We welcomed **Dr Richard Sandford**, Honorary Consultant in Medical Genetics, who presented an engaging programme about the NHS Genomics Medicine Alliance Hubs (GMS) and the requirement to implement PPI engagement across the East of England. The Alliance is delivering the output of the 100,000 genomes project by embedding genomics into routine NHS care, as well as designing new genomic care pathways. An additional focus will also on optimising access to treatments, participation in clinical trials and research participation. This will all be partly achieved through the design and implementation of transformation projects. These may reflect national priorities or be regional/locally focussed. However national roll out by collaboration is expected. A fund will be established to support these transformation projects.

At this stage it is not possible to be precise about the initial transformation projects that the Alliance will undertake. Cardiovascular disease risk reduction and precision medicine for cancer is likely to be included, as well as genomics in primary care. All of this will require cross theme working i.e medicine, nursing, midwifery and pharmacy.

In terms of the overall Alliance structure the Partnership Board of the Alliance will contain 'communications and PPI expertise that supports communication and engagement across the NHS GMS Alliance geography'

3. We welcomed **Sian Brand**, who is the EoE Social Prescribing Facilitator and Learning Coordinator. Sian is an old friend of the CS, she presented to us back in 2016. Sian shared with us the current view on Social Prescribing in the context implementing new roles in the Primary Care Networks. She conveyed the purpose, benefits and challenges of the role and the beneficial impact to the community - which is all part of the NHS Long Term Plan. Sian also talked about additional roles, the Care Coordinator and the Health & Wellbeing Coach and the relationship to the Social Prescriber Link Worker - You can find Sian's presentation on our website - <https://www.eocitizenssenate.org/previous-meeting-minutes>

4. Finally, **Ann Nutt**, Chair of the Patient Panel at Princess Alexander Hospital, which has just been awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Services (an MBE for voluntary groups) This is an extraordinary achievement and we extend our congratulation to Ann and her team, she continues to inspire many in this sector.

Please have a look at the website to see Ann's Patient Panel Annual Report 2019/2020 - <https://www.eoecitizenssenate.org/previous-meeting-minutes>

Ann reached out to the CS to recruit participants for an important survey and study on the impact of COVID to patient engagement and patient participation groups. If you are interested in taking part in the study, please contact Szara Coote, who will provide you with the contact details

5. AOB - The group indicated a keen interest on both the Genomics programme and the Social Prescribing presentation. We agreed to set up dedicated virtual meetings for each subject.

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