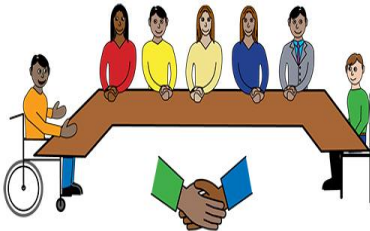


# Minutes of the Harrogate Equality Group Meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015



## People who came to the meeting:

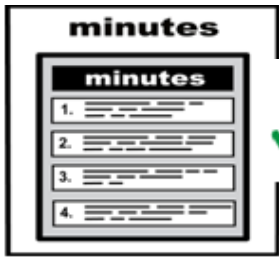
**Geoff Marshall, Senior Human Resources Officer (Chair)**  
**Pamela Allen, Governor**  
**Christine Thompson, Patient Voice Group Representative**  
**John Goss, Access Group Harrogate & District**  
**Brian Quinn, British Humanist Association**  
**Bob Tunnicliffe, Harrogate Deaf Society**  
**Caroline Reid, Business and Quality Officer, Acute and Cancer Care Directorate**  
**Angie Colvin, Corporate Affairs & Membership Manager**  
**Angie Gillett, Planning Manager**  
**Natasha Wilson, Corporate Nursing Secretary (taking minutes)**



## People who could not come to the meeting:

**Dawn Walsh, Strategic Health Facilitator, Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust**  
**Janet Farnhill, Senior Nurse Adult Safeguarding**  
**Jodie Hutchinson, Governance Officer, Elective Care**  
**Andrew Newton, Physical and Sensory Impairment Reference Group**  
**Sarah Hughes, Health Visitor**  
**Alison Mayfield, Deputy Chief Nurse**

## Minutes of the last meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015



- Everybody agreed that the minutes were correct.

## Eyes and Ears symbols



- Janet Farnhill would be asked to talk about the symbols at the next meeting in September. We will ask Janet if the symbols are being used on the hospital wards.

## Flagging for patients with hearing problems



- Geoff Marshall would ask Jodie Hutchinson to send an update to Bob Tunnicliffe about this work.

## Deaf awareness training



- There are two training days in July 2015 and January 2016 for staff at the hospital.

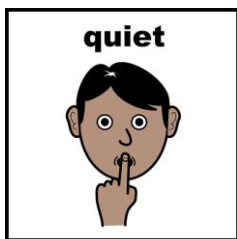


## Update from Planning

- **Angie Gillett spoke to the group and said that there were lots of things in progress.**



- **Angie Gillett said she would bring paper plans to future meetings**



- **Angie Gillett said that the Quiet Reflection Room project was being looked at. But we don't have a lot of space at the hospital. There is a room at the back of Heriotts restaurant on a Friday for Muslim prayers.**

Reflection Room



- **Angie Gillett would speak to Harrogate council about adding a drop kerb on Lancaster Park Road for easy access.**





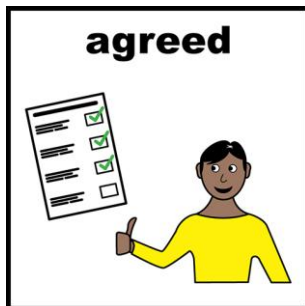
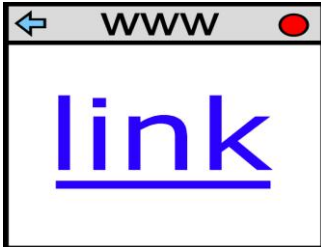
## Disabled toilet list

- You can find information about disabled toilets on the Harrogate hospital internet site.

Please click on the links below:

[Location of Disabled Toilets across Harrogate & District Hospital and Community Premises](#)

[North Yorkshire County Council - Changing Places toilets in the Harrogate area](#)



## The Equality Group's work plan for 2015/16

- The group approved the work plan.



## Equality Group speakers for 2015-2016

- We will invite some people to give talks at future meetings.



## Agenda items for the next meeting in September

- We will talk about the Equality Group and its future.
- We will also talk about better care for patients with hearing problems.

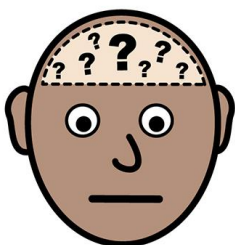
## Any other business

The  
PVG  
Patient Voice Group

"It's all about you"

- This was Christine Thompson's last meeting. Lesley Simpson from the Patient Voice Group will be a new member of this group.

## dementia

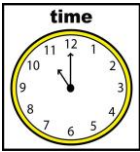


- Angie Colvin said that there were some free sessions for hospital staff to help people who have Dementia.

## Date and time of the next meeting



**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September**



**11.00 am – 1.00 pm**



**To be held in the Boardroom, Trust Headquarters  
at Harrogate Hospital.**

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