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**All Party Parliamentary Group for Continence Care
Meeting - 1.00-3.00pm, Monday 12 November 2018
House of Lords Committee Room G**

MINUTES

Quorum: Baroness Greengross, Rosie Cooper MP, Baroness Finlay, Baroness Masham, Carolyn Harris MP

Agenda Item 1: Welcome

- Meeting attendees were welcomed.

Agenda Item 2: AGM and Election of Officers

- The two co-chairs, Baroness Greengross and Rosie Cooper MP, agreed to continue in their post.
- Baroness Finlay, Baroness Masham and Andrew Selous MP were duly re-appointed as Officers.
- Baroness Finlay proposed that she and Baroness Masham should become Vice-Chairs rather than Officers. This was agreed. The Officers were duly re-appointed.

Agenda Item 3: Excellence in Continence Care Guidelines

- A representative from the EICC Board reported on the publication of the new Excellence in Continence Care Guidelines and how NHS England intended to publicise them and persuade Clinical Commissioning Groups to implement them.
- The focus will be on face to face meetings and webinars. Internal and external newsletters will also be used along with meetings with commissioners and NHS England Directors.
- It was also reported Chief Nursing Officer for England is organising an audit of continence services.
- It was questioned to what extent the EICC guidelines will be enforced and by who as Trusts do not have the resources to enforce it.
- It was pointed out that as continence issues, including those related to UTIs and catheters, are the second largest reason people go into residential care there should be a person responsible in CCGs and NHS Trusts for continence and catheters.
- It was suggested that the above point would make a strong media article, and the cost of inappropriate/unnecessary catheter use could be included, plus the fact that as it is cheaper to keep someone at home. EICC cost saving examples could also be included.
- The problem for children was highlighted since the school nurse had moved over to be the responsibility of public health. This means children's services have moved to GPs and secondary care which was having a huge impact.

- The need for regular hydration was highlighted via the work of the National Hydration Network (NHN) which was set up in 2015 and produced a tool to assist carers with hydration and nutrition. Independent evaluation had shown significant reduction in UTI acute admissions.
- It was suggested that the number of catheters fitted had to be recorded along with data for catheter related UTIs. It was agreed to obtain the data for these incidences. A Care England representative commented that there was no recording of such incidences in NHS Care Homes but offered to ask members what data they had.
- It was noted that incontinence related dermatitis was very common but not recorded in any meaningful way.
- It was suggested that perhaps the APPG needed to make a policy recommendation regarding the collection of data.
- It was pointed out that urological sepsis in the elderly was the biggest cause of hospital admissions and death, some of which could have been prevented with better care and this was also related to UTI infections.

Agenda Item 4: General Medical Council (GMC)

- The meeting was told that in December 2017, the APPG had submitted views on a GMC consultation on '*Outcomes for Graduates*'. The APPG recommended that continence assessments should be included as one of the 'Practical Procedures'. A representative Doctor from the APPG had attended a GMC working group meeting to review this.
- A representative from the GMC highlighted that under 'Outcomes for Graduates', taking a history of a patient's health was included which would cover continence care. However, it was also stated that the Practical Procedures document was being reduced and that continence care would not be included.
- It was suggested that continence care might be covered in the Foundation Programme Curriculum which is approved by the GMC with input from the royal colleges.
- The meeting questioned the best way to take this forward and it was suggested that the APPG contacted the Directors of Medicine and The Medical Schools Council.
- The need to create a 'driver' for something that wasn't 'life threatening' but was 'life ruining' was discussed. It was suggested that the top at the Department of Health needed to prioritise continence to demonstrated leadership from the top.
- The 'Colley Model' was discussed as it provided a key model which could be used for physios and occupational therapists.
- The GMC representatives left the meeting at this point and the meeting agreed that the issue should be followed up with the GMC.

Agenda Item 5: Implementing the Guidelines – Hurley Clinic

- The Hurley Clinic updated the meeting on the implementation of the NHS England Guidelines at their surgery.
- The importance of data collection was cited as it provided them with the figures to take to the CCG. It is anticipated that data will be available in April 2019.

- The meeting agreed that this data could also be used by other medical professionals to show to their local decision makers.
- It was agreed that the merit of parliamentary representatives writing to the Chief Executive of NHS England regarding the EICC guidelines will be discussed.

Agenda Item 6: Procurement

- Following the presentation from the Director of the Clinical and Product Assurance Team (CaPA) regarding the new DoH procurement model at the last APPG meeting, today's meeting was updated on current activity.
- It was explained that CaPA was keen to pursue a project with the Department of Health and the APPG which would bring together various strands affecting continence care including procurement. Findings will be presented at the next Supplier Board meeting.

Agenda Item 7: 'Boys need Bins'

- The meeting was told that following the inquiry by the London Assembly on single use plastics a report was published with four key recommendations, one of which was to make bins available in men's washrooms for the disposal of incontinence products. The London Assembly immediately pledged to install bins throughout City Hall and to look at other London networks such as Transport for London (TFL).
- The meeting agreed that it was a good campaign for the APPG to support, and that not providing bins in men's toilets was possibly a breach of human rights legislation. It was suggested that contact should be made with the Human Rights Commission and an oral Parliamentary Question might be tabled calling for 'bins for boys'.

Agenda item 8: RCN Project on Accessible Toilets

- An RCN representative said that they had recently launched a campaign on accessible toilets. It was suggested they get in touch with the Changing Places campaign and the Women's All Party Parliamentary Group.

Agenda Item 9: Any other Business

- The meeting was advised that there were still concerns regarding NHS home delivery costs for products and that clarification was awaited.
- It was agreed that the APPG should write to the Secretary of State for Health and the Chief Executive of NHS England regarding continence services and meeting attendees could submit comments for possible inclusion.
- The meeting was advised that Draft Midwifery Standards would be consulted on in February and that NICE was consulting on urinary incontinence in women.

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