



Great Western Ambulance Service (GWAS)

Local Involvement Network Joint Working Group (JWG)

Report to Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC)

September 2010

The chair, Albert Weager, has attended meetings of the GWAS Clinical Forum and the ECP Review Project Board.

Points of interest from the Forum are the future development of the Electronic Patient Record Form (EPRF) and GWAS communication procedures for patients with learning disabilities.

The ECP Review is moving forward and an early pilot scheme in the Wiltshire sector is being recommended.

The June meeting of the JWG was attended by Vicky O'Leary of GWAS, the national lead for an ambulance services project on dementia. The JWG received a well presented and informative account of the work to date and of steps needed to move forward. These include close links with PCTs, education and training of staff, support for carers and alternative care pathways.

Members of the JWG have been asked to enquire about local commissioning of ambulance services, including Patient Transport Services (PTS).

Members of the group continue to represent LINKs at various relevant meetings.

The September meeting of the JWG will be attended by David Whiting, CEO, GWAS, who will advise the group on future developments of the service.

The November meeting will be attended by Patrick Mulcahy, of GWAS, to discuss the participation of the JWG in the 2010-11 Quality Accounts process.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Albert Weager".

Albert Weager
Chair, Joint Working Group
8th September 2010