

## **Oesophagoose Meeting Minutes.** April 11<sup>th</sup> 2018

### **Apologies**

Claire Sedgwick

### **Announcements and Professional update.**

Nothing to report

### **Professional Q&A.** Sister Fran Gilbraith, Specialist Nurse.

- Fran helps to discharge patients with jejunostomy tubes and nose tubes. She wanted to get advice from patients regarding how patients coped with feeding after discharge.
- She asked for feedback about the information patients were sent home with and whether it was adequate, helpful etc.
- A patient was discharged from The QE hospital was given little advice on when to use the feed. Found the tube uncomfortable and didn't feel that the feed was moving out of the stomach. They were given no information regarding any symptoms.
- Another patient had a tube fitted but didn't use it. They said the site is still an irritation now.
- Somebody said they were given different adaptors for their tube and the adaptor didn't fit. They live in Washington, diagnosed by the QE hospital and nutrition support comes from Sunderland. They were getting deliveries they didn't need, which was a waste as it had to be sent back and disposed of.

In response, the patient was told that adaptors are not needed now. Janine said she would contact the QE Hospital with relevant information.

Fran gave out a training pack for people to look at and comment on.

- Most people said that they had good support from RVI ward staff at all hours of the day if they needed it and that the pack looked very useful.

Fran gave out her email address for members of the group to contact her with feedback.

### **Small group discussions with support.**

**Next Meeting** June 13<sup>th</sup>. 2-3.30p.m. Maggie's