

## **Oesophagoose Meeting Minutes.** April 12th 2017

### **Announcements and Professional update.** Claire Sedgwick

- Dave Saunders, doing research work into surgical experience/recovery, will be at next support group meeting in June. Would like to recruit patients for interviews regarding their experiences.
- Support group meetings at Maggie's will be reduced to 1.5 hours. Starting from June 14<sup>th</sup> it will be 2-3.30pm.
- Reminder of 'Awareness' campaign in May. Beer mats and posters available for group members for distribution in surgeries/shops etc. Beer mats for pubs. The logos have been changed and there will be media coverage from May 1<sup>st</sup> on buses, metro platforms and metro trains. The cost is £25,000. The fund is healthy but we need to use it well. Need to get the message out about early symptoms. We have the biggest centre in Europe and better results.
- Charles Woodhead is another returning consultant. Ben Woodham from Australia and Claire Donahue from Ireland are new surgeons. Mr Wynn will retire. A visiting naval officer is on loan to the trust to do unpaid oesophagectomy for 18 months.
- Prof Griffin and Claire Sedgwick went to charity event and raised £5000 very quickly. If anyone wants to organise events there are T shirts which can be borrowed.
- There are 5 places left for The Great North Run if anyone wants to participate.

### **Whole group discussion/Q&A led by Claire Taylor (enhanced recovery programme).**

- From this month have also rolled the programme out to gastrectomy patients.
- Will bring some figures along to the next meeting to show trends over 2 years.
- Readmissions are far fewer-if someone is readmitted there is a financial penalty.
- Average length of stay is 9.5 days.
- Critical care length of stay has been reduced. The number of nights in critical care is fewer.
- All oesophagectomy patients sent home with the feed so most people manage to maintain their weight. Patients used to lose between 1-3 stone in weight.
- There is a surgical reason to prevent gastrectomy patients from having home feed.

### **Follow up to last meeting questions.** Claire Sedgwick.

- Cost of marquee for coffee morning would be £30,000-too expensive. Won't do sandwiches next time and will ask for more donations of cakes.
- One patient has a contact who may be able to help. She will give Claire the contact details.
- The coffee morning is the best day of the year, so we want to continue to celebrate the work and survival rates.

### **Quiz – organised and presented by Gail and Sal with Easter egg prizes provided by Claire.**

### **3.00-3.30p.m. Break up into small group discussion.**

### **Next Meeting** June 14th, 2017. 2pm Maggie's

Possible Guest speaker: Dr David Saunders, Consultant Anaesthetist

Discussion about a trial being rolled out across the Country, looking at patient outcomes post-surgery. He would be keen for patient and carer participation