



Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Charity (reg. 1057213)

Oesophagoose Meeting Minutes. Oct 16th 2019

Apologies: Claire Sedgwick

Professional update by Maria Bliss

- Maria introduced Anneka Kershaw to the group. She has been appointed as Cancer Care Coordinator and is now in her 5th week. Her role, part of which includes responding to telephone enquiries, has impacted positively on the team.
- Maria announced that the website was due to be relaunched following good work by a patient (Eddie) and his colleague (Lewis).

Presentation by Mr Alex Phillips (consultant)

- Alex is keen to get the website up and running and demonstrated to the group the progress that had been made so far.
- There has been a website since 2009 as part of the Oesophagoose awareness campaign.
- AP thinks it should now be for patient support and should also include content to help professionals.
- There is a forum on the website for Q&A which could also be monitored by professionals at regular intervals. There was some discussion around whether this should be password protected.
- It was agreed that everyone could benefit from the sharing of problems and solutions.
- Someone suggested that a blog would also be a good vehicle for sharing information.
- AP stated that there was also a Twitter feed. The website has links at the bottom to tweets.
- AP went through the website tab by tab. The minutes of the meetings are also uploaded.
- AP asked for group members to let him know of links to other useful websites.
- AP would like to have this website up and running by the end of the month and suggested a list of activities they could get involved with. He thought there needed to be a moderator for the forum.

Small group discussion followed.

Next Meeting: Feb 12th, 2020. 2pm Maggie's