



YORK MEDICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES OF MEETING OF YORK MEDICAL SOCIETY

Friday 27th November 2020

1. Presidents welcome
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Apologies: None given
4. New members: Rehman Rana, Selvadurai Nayagam
5. Resignations:
6. Guest speakers : – Professor Dianne Willcocks and Kathryn Sartain – Shaping End of Life Service

This meeting was all held virtually on Zoom, with Sarah Anderson co-ordinating the IT.

Professor Willcocks started her talk discussing the places where patients die, and the impact Covid had on patient deaths. She discussed the legacy of the Liverpool pathway and highlighted the impact that making End of Life care a responsibility of the York Hospital Trust Board. In her Non-Executive role, she was able to give it a higher profile, and the hospital appointed a team to support patients, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They took training to the Wards, and used Advanced Care Planning. She showed an abbreviated video of the patient journey.

Kath Sartain discussed the changes they had made in more detail, offering more care, less pathways. They were auditing opiate use in palliative care. They are able to give good symptoms advice and guidance.

She described the death of a patient with Covid when they were able to involve family in Germany and Australia in a 3-way discussion with their mother who was dying in York.

Out of Covid, there was a better use of IT, they had developed a single point of contact for both patients and professionals, 7 days a week. They were undertaking remote consultations with 'Attend Anywhere' and are undertaking training with break out rooms using Teams etc. They are looking at how they can expand the service further, looking at hard to reach groups maintaining patient centred care.

She also mentioned Anne Garry, Consultant in Palliative Care at YDH, who was attending the meeting

7. Vote of Thanks: John Reid gave the vote of thanks
8. Any other business:
9. Date of Next Meetings:

Friday 11th December – Festive Supper and Quiz

Friday 15th January – 100 Notable Names from General Practice – Dr Neil Metcalfe

Saturday 23rd January – YMS Annual Dinner - tbc

Meeting attended by 33

Minutes taken by Dr John Reid