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Dear DR Gordon,

27 JUL 2018

When I had an appointment with you on 29th June at City Hospital, I told you I have suddenly been widowed in April this year. As a consequence my income has more than halved, also I don't drive and getting to ~~the~~ Papworth at its present location is very difficult and expensive, for my Pacemaker check-up twice a year. Enquiring about new site at Addenbrooks, even with the Volunteer Action to take me, it would cost over £50. It's hard enough to get to City Hospital. Is there anyway that my

Pacemaker could be checked at City Hospital. I am also having to move and am closing up my present home after living here 45 years, and have to move to small bungalow in Oundle.

I do fear I will not be able to get to these check-ups. I do hope something can be done about this situation, as I am sure there are many more people in my situation, having to travel so far, for such important checks.

Please excuse writing, I have an eye infection, and it's 32c it's very hot.

With kind regards

[REDACTED]
Sent: 16 June 2014 17:03

To: BRAGANZA, Denise (NORTH WEST ANGLIA NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)

Subject: FW: Angioplasty

Hi, For your information, couldn't send a copy to Sarah as I have lost the address, Regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Diabetes UK Voices,
Active in the Prevention of Diabetes,
[REDACTED]

From: Fallon Joanne [mailto:Joanne.Fallon@cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk]

Sent: 16 June 2014 10:41

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Angioplasty

Dear [REDACTED]

Sorry for the delay in answering your email, I wanted to make sure I was able to investigate further the issue you have raised.

This was discussed at the Peterborough Patient Forum Group meeting on 20th May and the group agreed it should be raised with the Peterborough LCG Board. The Board met last week and discussed the way the service currently operates and the requirements for how the service needs to be run.

As you are aware, currently patients are referred for an angiogram at Peterborough City Hospital via RACPC and Cardiology team – they are then referred to Papworth for an angioplasty. Depending on the patients' condition – they may have to be admitted and wait to travel to Papworth urgently – or they could go home and attend Papworth at a later stage. Consultants employed at Peterborough City Hospital travel to Papworth site to complete PCI's at Papworth for Peterborough patients and then see these patients back at Peterborough City Hospital as an out patient

Although the procedure for stents is commissioned by CCGs, it has to be delivered from a British Cardiovascular Intervention Society (BCIS) accredited centre that can deliver more than 400 procedures a year for the whole team (not just the cardiologist) to ensure skills and safety are maintained. This minimum number to maintain skills applies to the whole team, not just the cardiologist performing the stent. The centres operate as hub and spokes, so that the interventional cardiologists also work at DGHs without Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (pPCI) services to ensure continuity of care with the patient being brought to the centre for the procedure by their own cardiologist. In East Anglia there are 3 accredited centres - in Papworth, Norfolk and Norwich and Ipswich (Ipswich is new this year).

The Board acknowledged it is frustrating and difficult to have to travel and although there are costs involved with transporting patients, it concluded the better clinical outcomes for patients attending Papworth (an accredited centre) are a better option for patients requiring this procedure at the present time.

Dear Mr Jackson,

With regard to Angioplasty procedures at Peterborough City Hospital, I have forwarded to you my emails regarding this subject as it is relevant to constituents resident in your constituency.

The last email I copied to you regarding the reasons why Angioplasty is not performed at PCH, the reason given is not correct, the possibility that emergency cardiac treatment might be required is not a valid reason, Angioplasty procedures are carried out at Norwich and Norfolk, Ipswich and Bedford none of these hospitals has cardiac surgery on site, with regard to Peterborough patients possibly needing emergency cardiac treatment during or just after Angioplasty procedure and would have a negative outcome by having to travel to Papworth, it has to be seen that the Norwich and Norfolk and Ipswich patients are considerably further away from back up cardiac services so the statement in the reply about possible travel negative aspects is again not a correct one, the question still remains, why is it that PCH has advanced equipment competent consultants (that are cardiac doctors from Papworth) to carry out this procedure in Peterborough rather than the inconvenience of travel to Papworth.

I believe that the best treatment is available in Peterborough City Hospital, the hospital needs these services for the better patient experience sooner rather than later, my information tells me that this procedure does not in fact need to be commissioned at a cardiac specialist hospital but can be provided locally, I accept that Papworth is a World leader in cardiac surgery, but it has to be noticed that this procedure is carried out at non cardiac specialist hospitals in the Eastern Counties so why not at Peterborough City Hospital?.

Kind Regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] *Diabetes UK Voices,
Active in the Prevention of Diabetes,*

[Redacted]

Thank you for raising this issue with us and pleased be assured it has received extensive consideration. Should aspects of the wider situation change, the Board may wish to reconsider this decision in the future. If this happens, the LCG would work closely with PSHFT to consider the options.

Kind regards Jo

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Think before you print this e-mail.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 May 2014 14:05
To: Fallon Joanne
Cc: JACKSON, Stewart; Crosby Lesley (RGN) Peterborough Hospitals; Braganza, Denise; Wilkinson Chris (RGN) Peterborough Hospitals; BRYAN TYLER
Subject: Angioplasty

Hi Joanne, Sorry to trouble you again but further information has come to hand, I see that Norwich & Norfolk, Ipswich & Bedford hospitals perform angioplasty procedures even though they have no cardiac surgery available on site so the negates the idea that it has to be done at a cardiac specialised centre, two of these hospitals are a lot further away from Papworth than Peterborough, so that also negates the argument that doing the procedure in Peterborough could have a detrimental effect on patient experience, the truth is that this service can and should be provided at Peterborough City Hospital, if it is commissioned at these three hospitals that have no cardiac surgery facilities why not Peterborough?, I still would like an explanation as to why this anomaly is happening, Peterborough as I have said before has a high incidence of heart problems so this type of procedure would be an excellent step forward for patient experience and safety in the city, I have to suggest that the CCG ensures that this procedure is commissioned at PCH as soon as possible.
Regards, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] *Diabetes UK Voices,
Active in the Prevention of Diabetes,*

[REDACTED]

Sent: 26 May 2014 20:11
To: JACKSON, Stewart
Cc: BRAGANZA, Denise (NORTH WEST ANGLIA NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)
Subject: Angioplasty Peterborough City Hospital

NICK BOLES MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA



8th April, 2014

Dear 

Thank you for getting in touch. As you know, I wrote to Dr Peter Reading, Chief Executive Officer, Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to find out why the Trust does not provide treatment for Cardiac Resynchronisation Therapy (CRT). I have now received a reply, a copy of which is enclosed for your consideration.

I quite understand that you will be disappointed with Dr Reading's response so I have contacted Mr Barry O'Neill, Local Service Commissioner, Leicestershire and Lincolnshire Commissioning Board Area Team, to raise your concerns and will contact you as soon as I have something to report.

With best wishes



Nick Boles

Enclosure



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Nick Bowles MP
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27 March 2014

Dear Mr Bowles

Re [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter dated 7 March 2014 addressed to Dr Peter Reading, Chief Executive of Peterborough & Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Your letter has been passed to the Patient Advice & Liaison Service (PALS) for a response.

Your constituent has asked why this Trust does not provide treatment for Cardiac Resynchronisation Therapy (CRT) which involves the insertion of complex pacemaker devices and why he has to wait and then travel to Papworth Hospital for his treatment.

I have passed on your comments to Dr Porter, Associate Clinical Director in the Medical and Emergency directorate and she has asked me to respond as follows:-

We are able to implant complex devices including implantable Defibrillators and Biventricular pacemakers here at Peterborough City Hospital and indeed we have the capability to do so with a business plan approved at Board level. Unfortunately agreement to implement these devices falls under the remit of the Specialist Commissioners who have said that they will currently not commission any new services. Regrettably until we receive agreement to provide this service we are not able to help [REDACTED] and he will need to await a response from Papworth Hospital.

Thank you for raising these issues on behalf of Mr [REDACTED] please pass on our apologies to him that we cannot help at this time. We would also like to thank him for his positive comments where he says that he feels that we provide "a first rate facility."

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any further information.

With best wishes

Dr Peter Reading
Chief Executive Officer

Tel/Fax

14th February, 2014.

Mr. N. Bowles MP
House of Commons
Westminster
London.

Dear Mr. Bowles,

I have over the last year cost last the NHS lots of money. Finishing up having to have a three lead Pacemaker fitted (CRT). The original two wire model was fitted at Peterborough City Hospital by Dr. Porter and her excellent team. On being diagnosed as needing the upgrade it was necessary to wait at PCH on a waiting list until Papworth Hospital could find a space on their list. PCH said that this could be up to three weeks sitting on a bed in a busy cardiac ward, already short of beds and costing £250. + per day.

Having got to know the PCH team and having been through the theatre which is exactly the same as Papworth which shares team members with Papworth, they at PCH are not allowed to do CRT's because of National Health politics, now this is a load of "waste".

The catchment area for Papworth is the whole of East Anglia with the exception of Ipswich who by harnessing local support gained permission to carry out "CRT" at their hospital.

You will have with the Peterborough & Stamford Hospital Trust a first rate facility, you also have the ability to knock some common-sense into the unnecessary waste of not allowing "CRT" to take place at PCH.

Looking forward to a considered reply.

Yours sincerely

c.c. Dr. R. Gordon – Consultant Cardiologist PCH

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