# Countess of Chester Hospital

## FREEDOM TO SPEAK UP MEETING

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 9.30am - 11.00am, in Alison Kelly's Office

### AGENDA

	Item	Lead
1.	Welcome and Apologies for Absence	SH
2.	Review of the minutes (to follow)	SH
3.	Review of action log (attached)	SH
4.	<ul> <li>Update on issues raised since the last meeting</li> <li>Research</li> <li>NNU</li> <li>Therapies</li> </ul>	AK SH SH
5.	Follow up from Freedom to Speak up Guardians Webinar	SH
6.	Policy update	SH/HC
7.	Regional Meeting in Lancaster	HC
8.	Date and time of next meetings 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 9.30am – 11am 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 9.30am – 11am	



#### SPEAK OUT SAFELY MEETING

#### Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 11.30am in the Executive Office

Member		Attendance	Apologies
Mrs Sue Hodkinson (SH)	Director of People & OD (Chair)	$\mathbf{\nabla}$	
Mrs Alison Kelly (AK)	Director of Nursing & Quality	$\mathbf{\nabla}$	
Mr Andrew Higgins (AH)	Non-Executive Director	$\mathbf{\nabla}$	
Ms Hayley Cooper (HC)	Staff side Chair	$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$	
Mrs Stephen Cross (SC)	Director of Corporate & Legal Services	$\mathbf{\overline{A}}$	

In attendance: Maxine Wright (MW), Head of Policies, HR (for agenda item 4) Gill Galt (GG), Head of Comms & Engagement (for agenda item 7) Mary Crocombe, PA (Note taker)

1.	Welcome and apologies for absence	Action
	SH welcomed GG and MW to the meeting. There were no apologies.	
2.	Review of the minutes	
	Members reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> February, which had been circulated that morning. SH's title to be amended to Director of People & OD and AK to be noted as Chair. Members did not recall agreeing not to formally log the concerns raised by the paediatricians about NNU. HC asked how it could be logged as nothing had been received in writing, and it had also been logged elsewhere – internal/external reviews. Ian Harvey had also had a conversation with one of the Consultants, who requested it be logged under SoS. Agreed to articulate on the spreadsheet that it was a conversation and nothing was received in writing, and also the actions undertaken as a result of concerns raised. The NNU Action Plan will continue to be monitored through the Quality, Safety & Patient Experience Committee.	MC SH/AK
3.	Review of action log	
	Members agreed to review at the next SoS meeting following updates from February's and today's meetings.	
4.	Speak out Safely Policy update	
	MW gave an update. Need to agree, in light of the National 'Freedom to Speak Up' (F2SU), does the Trust's policy and comms stay as 'Speak out Safely'. Other Trusts also have 'Named Guardians', so need to consider this as well, as currently have 'Designated Officers' in the Policy. Members agreed it was key to get the right model for the Trust. MW confirmed she had looked at what other	