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Minutes of the Meeting of the Management Group on Wednesday 25 January 2017 2.30pm  
Wednesday.

**Present:** Alison Keal, Jeff Eaves, Gwen Griffiths, Kate Hamilton, Maureen Hodge, Marion Lawrie, Sue Spencer, Jenny Pearce and Jean Penny

1 **Apologies for Absence:** Sally Moyce.

2 **Minutes of previous meetings:**

- Management Group meeting minutes held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were accepted.
- AGM minutes held on Wednesday August 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 were accepted.

Action: Sue to put on website.

3 **Matters arising from the minutes:**

- Archiving of WGNS paperwork. Gwen is working through this. It was agreed to remove the item from the agenda unless there is an issue for discussion.
- Sixteen volunteers came to the 2016 Christmas meal at the Jackson Stops. It was agreed to book again for Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

4 **External relations:**

- Building a Stronger Britain. After discussion it was agreed that this was not relevant to WGNS
- The Healthcare Questionnaire for Rutland is still open and volunteers are encouraged to complete. Discussion followed regarding the proposed closure of beds at Rutland Memorial Hospital and the effect of this in our rural community with the probable increased demand for WGNS support.

5 **Transport subsidy:** Two payments are outstanding. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda unless there is an issue for discussion.

6 **Finance:** Jeff reported that

- Our bank balance is £1553.21.
- We claimed on average of £63 / month from RCC compared with £77 / month last year.

7 **Statistics / website:** Sue presented the statistics and pointed out that currently journeys are generally shorter causing the reduction in claims from RCC e.g. fewer requests to LRI.

8 **Update on current clients and volunteers:**

- WGNS successfully responded to a request from RCC social services (an external agency) for IT help for a Whissendine resident.
- There is now a transport rota established to take a client to Melton Mowbray on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday each month and a 3 week rota to collect a prescription weekly from Empingham pharmacy
- Gwen reported that WGNS has a new volunteer Alan Redfern. He works nights and so should be contacted later in the day, Pam Montgomery has now moved to Oakham and is no longer a volunteer and we have new clients on Melton Rd.

9 **DBS renewal:** Maureen had nothing to report

10 **Use of WGNS funds**

There was a discussion about use of current WGNS funds. Discussion included

- How much to contribute?
- Where would a contribution be most useful for Whissendine residents?
- Should we keep the money for unknown future costs?

**Actions:**

- Alison will find out more about East Midlands Immediate Care Scheme (EMICS)
- Add to the next meeting's agenda

11 **Phone rota:** Alison will complete and put on website.

12 **Any other business.**

- In her absence Jean read an email from Sally reporting that the wheelchair is currently out in long term loan. If it is required, the co-ordinator should contact Sally.

13 **Date of next meeting:** 2.30 on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April.