

Estates North Best Value Group 2017

Sheffield, 25th January 2017

The NPAG Estates North Best Value Group consists of likeminded NHS professionals who meet four times a year to openly share knowledge, information and identify areas of best practice with the aim of taking a much more proactive approach to improving the services they provide. The group comprises of representatives from Acute Trusts, Mental Health Trusts and Community Trusts.

With the changes to the SAQ's in the **Premises Assurance Model (PAM)** and the impact on support services as a result of the **Lord Carter Report**, there is a real need for professionals to come together in the spirit of partnership working. Membership to this group offers a fantastic opportunity to work much more collaboratively with colleagues from across the NHS as well as looking at how the private sector deliver similar services with the aim of sharing information and adopting best practice.

Each meeting agenda is driven by members with opportunity to discuss individual operational concerns, issues and to seek advice and guidance on how others are operating the services they provide. Members recognise that resources have to be managed as effectively and efficiently as possible whilst continuously improving the quality of services it provides. This can only be demonstrated by measuring and managing performance, benchmarking, adopting best practice and learning from others. Having evidence is key to being able to provide Trust Board Assurance that statutory and mandatory requirements are being met.

The NHS is going through a period of change with increasing demand on services and rising patient expectations as well as being subject to increasing regulatory inspections by **CQC, Monitor** and other statutory bodies. Headline news of failing Trusts and Trust merges make the environment ever more challenging. All this can have a negative effect on staff morale at a time when we are expecting them to take on new methods of working to increase service efficiency. Why not join us and see how membership can benefit you and your Trust?

"A group of fellow professionals willing to share experience and lessons learned. You leave the meeting much better informed and a sense of where you are in areas of innovation and compliance."

Estates North BVG Member 2015-16

Why join? Our Chair says:

"My aim has been to promote the sharing of good practice and creating an open and sharing network of "like minded" individuals to create a synergy amongst members. All members are aware of the need to continuously meet challenging cost improvement programmes whilst maintaining and improving quality of services with rising patient and commissioner expectations. This can only be achieved by working together to solve issues and adopting best practice, learning the lessons and sharing information openly and honestly. I would encourage and welcome new members to this year's round of meetings where you will find members who are willing to learn and share their experiences for the benefit of all. You can expect to receive a warm welcome. The support, knowledge, networking and advice you will receive will be invaluable in preparing you for the challenges ahead."

Ray Merrin, Estates Operations Manager, Derbyshire Healthcare NHS FT

The Group have agreed to run four meetings again across 2016/17 with the first taking place in **Sheffield** on the **25th January 2017** followed by 3 further meetings.

Why not attend the October meeting using a **Try Before You Buy** place. Simply attend the first meeting, see what it's all about and if you decide it's not for you walk away commitment free.

Interested? Please contact Marie Cherry for further details or complete the attached Registration Form to secure your place:

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