

## Minutes of Meeting with Dr Vicky Hayes: 13/09/2019

Attended: Vicky Hayes, Libby Topp, Llew Mills

Libby Topp and Llew Mills met with Dr Vicky Hayes on 13/9/2019 to discuss ways in which Research and Clinical staff could work more closely together.

This meeting was part of an ongoing series scheduled by LT and LM, attempting to initiate a process for streamlining the collaboration of clinical staff and researchers in the research process.

LT explained why we had asked to speak to her.

- (1) Broadly, because we wanted to improve the way clinical research was conducted, via more consultation with clinicians and consumers at all steps of the research process, including (i) the research questions, (ii) the design of the study (i.e. its impact upon clinician's routine practice), (iii) the ethical parameters of the study.
- (2) More specifically because in our meeting with Dr Apo Demirkol he had suggested that the clinical leadership groups might be good places to find people who were aware of the more recurring system-wide issues that interested clinicians and might be the subject of a research study.

VH said that she was not sure if the clinical leadership groups addressed those types of issues. But she mentioned that at a planning day conducted among the OTP staff in March 2019, they had an open session where staff could voice problems/issues that they had identified or were concerned about (e.g. palliative care for elderly clients with AoD problems).

Vicky noted that a follow up planning day is due to be held in November and she is aware that staff will be expecting some follow up of the issues they identified in March, rather than identifying new issues. LT suggested that one follow up option might to use a 'willingness to pay' framework to allow OTP staff as a group to prioritise the many issues the team identified as of interest in March.

LT and LM said that planning days such as this, which were completely independent of any research input, sounded like a great forum to record clinical issues and observations that could inform the development of potential *pragmatic* research questions.

VH added that unfortunately she knew of no other planning days among other sectors within the Langton centre (e.g. ambulatory care, drug court)