**MEETING WITH MARK SPENCER - NED – AUGUST 16 - 2019**

Attendance: Lynne Strother, Dora Dixon-Fyle, Jos Bell, Joseph Healy,

Malcolm Alexander

1. Mark asked to meet the Forum with the following objectives:

a) Understand the role and governance of your group - it doesn't have a comparable group in other NHS Trusts/Systems.

b) How you see the role of the patient forum in contrast to the LAS non-exec board. The Board and its members have the statutory duty to hold the executive and organisation to task  for safety, quality and delivery and have been independently appointed because of the variety of expertise that we have.

C) Seek your expertise and opinion in how LAS could develop a much wider P&P Voice input from across the capital (I have some exemplars from Moorfields and Surrey Downs).

1. Mark has wide experience of the LAS including working with the CQC, prison health in Oxfordshire, urgent and emergency care in Ealing and the Clinical Senate.
2. He asked how in the view of the EC the Forum fitted into the work of the LAS and explained that the LAS was confused about where the Forum fitted in to their organisations. He is leading a group of LAS executives looking into this issue.
3. We explained that the Forum acted in compliance with the NHS Constitution, the LAS own commitment to public involvement and national DH and NHSE/I policy (attached).
4. Member expressed concern that a long term very positive and constructive relationship with the LAS was being undermined and gave an example of the failure of the Chair and Chief Executive to talk about progress with their overall strategy when invited to a public Patients’ Forum meeting.
5. Members gave numerous examples of best practice in the past relationship with the LAS going back to 2004.
6. Mark described the complex relationship between the LAS, STPs and Health and Wellbeing Boards and wondered how the Forum could add value to this relationship.