

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FORUM @GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL

November 2015

WELCOME FROM THE VICE CHAIR

For November's meeting, our Chair, George Howell was unable to make it down to GOSH so our Vice Chair, Hannah Deakins, took over the reigns!

Hannah welcomed new members and those who had only been once before. We all introduced ourselves by telling everyone which fluffy animal we'd be if we had to pick one! Answers included: a giant bunny rabbit, grumpy cat, and a grizzly bear. We're quite imaginative at the YPF.



QUESTION TIME WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

We invited the Chief Executive of Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH), Dr Peter Steer, to come and meet us. We wanted to know all about what he does at GOSH and what his hopes were for future improvements.

Before the meeting all members were given the opportunity to think about what they wanted to ask Dr Steer and we collected questions from Facebook and via email.

To welcome Dr Steer we played an icebreaker game. We all answered silly questions from if you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? to, what is your favourite food! Dr Steer pulled out the question - if you could be someone else, who would you be? he replied - no one else! I have a beautiful wife and 3? wonderful children, why would I want to be anyone else? We thought that answer was very sweet,

We then grilled Dr Steer for over an hour on a range of questions from members, please click here to see the questions and answers. He also happily posed for a photo with us, in a YPF t-shirt obviously!

We were grateful for Dr Steer's time and look forward to inviting him back again soon

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FOOD TASTING

Here at the YPF we are always ready to help find improvements for patients at GOSH, particularly when it includes food tasting! We were asked to try out the pumpkin lasagne and sweet potato fries which were absolutely delicious.

We were also given a number of names for sandwiches and asked to pick our favourites. We decided that the names should be more descriptive (tell us what the sandwich contained) rather than a funny play on words. It might not have been what the Head of Catering wanted to hear, but it was our job to give him constructive feedback!



YPF'S THOUGHTS ON A GOSH TISSUE BANK

Here at GOSH the hospital carries out pioneering research to find treatments and cures for some of the most complex illnesses, for the benefit of children here in the UK and worldwide.

Ruth Nightingale, Joint Lead for Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement in Research, came to speak to us about the development of a GOSH tissue bank for research.

Ruth explained:

- what tissue is
- why researchers want to collect tissue
- what we thought about the idea of a GOSH tissue bank
- what information patients and parents would like about a tissue bank
- how to gain consent and whether/how to provide feedback to those who have donated samples.

This project will be really ground-breaking as there are already adult tissue banks in the UK, but there aren't any for children.





ELECTRONIC PATIENT RECORDS FOR PATIENTS AND FAMILIES

As part of updating of the IT system here at GOSH, Elisabeth Crowe, the Electronic Patient Record Programme Director, visited us to invite us personally to workshop in January to discuss new and extra functions and portals of records system. GOSH wants to open up the records so that we as patients, and our parents can interact with our appointments, scans and test results. Elisabeth wanted to know what we would like on this system, whether there were any other similar systems that we have used before in other settings, such as at school or even shopping or at the cinema. Elisabeth also asked us to think about younger children and what they would like, for example, characters, levels, points and even colours.



CHRISTMAS WISHES!

As we've all been inpatients in GOSH at one time or another, we know how disappointing it can be not to make it home for Christmas or big events, to be with our friends, family and pets! So we've decided to make a Christmas Card to be given to all patients on the wards on Christmas Day to wish them a very Happy Christmas. Here we are taking shots for the front cover of our card!



We've also written messages on stockings for the Christmas Stocking Appeal, which is now in its 15th year! Friends, family and supporters of GOSH can send special season's greetings on a Christmas stocking to patients at the hospital. The messages will be displayed at the hospital for patients, staff, families and friends to read.

