



VOLUNTARY SECTOR COMMITTEE – 18TH SEPTEMBER 2013

SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY SECTOR QUESTION ON HOSPITAL EXPERIENCES

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 A request was made by a voluntary sector representative who sits on the Voluntary Sector Sub Committee for the following information.
- 1.2 Is there a support network to advise parents when a child is going into hospital?

2. THE REPORT

- 2.1 In answer to the above question, there is no specific support network in place.
- 2.2 However, the majority of paediatric admissions are emergencies, so we can not prepare families for that, although in the past the Hospital Play Specialists have done a lot of work with schools in preparing children for hospital by visiting the schools and undertaking a joint project. We have also had days where local schools have visited the hospitals.
- 2.3 Any children who are being admitted for surgery have the opportunity to visit the ward and look around prior to admission.
- 2.4 Any patients with complex health needs and are under the remit of the CCN team, have the opportunity to visit the ward with their families to familiarise themselves with the environment.

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