



ASSOCIATION OF
COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS
FOR ENGLAND & WALES

Evan Harris MP
House of Commons
Westminster, SW1

6/6/03

Dear Evan,

Thank you so much for agreeing to address the Special General Meeting at the Café Royal on Tuesday July 8th

The SGM will be our last opportunity to celebrate 28 years of successful public and patient involvement within the NHS and we have therefore titled the event: 'The Golden Age of Public Involvement in Health – Building Foundations for the Future'. We want to reflect the huge commitment of patients, carers and the public to developing the NHS and also to look forward to and welcome, the new system currently being developed through the Commission.

We are particularly pleased that you have agreed to speak at our final meeting because you are held in very high esteem by CHCs and ACHCEW, particularly because of your unrelenting work to defend and reform the public involvement system in the NHS. We would be grateful if in your presentation you could reflect on the severe problems which have beset the development of the CPPIH, Patients' Forums and the ICAS system and the difficulties which the Government has had in establishing the new system in a co-ordinated and coherent way.

We expect 150 delegates to attend the SGM from across England and many of these people will have a key role in both the development of the new public involvement system and in local activities in and around the NHS. They will therefore continue to have influence in the NHS across the country.

You are programmed to speak at 12.45pm and we have allocated 30 minutes - I hope this time will be sufficient for you. Please let me know if you need any visual aids or if I can help in any other way. I would be happy to supply any information you might require about ACHCEW or the developing public involvement system.

I hope you will also be able to join us for lunch.

Would you be kind enough to let me have a short statement about yourself that we can use in the programme?

Very best wishes

Malcolm Alexander

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SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
CAFE ROYAL, LONDON, 8 JULY 2003

PROGRAMME

09.30 am - 10.15 am	Registration and Coffee	(4th Floor Landing, Empire Suite)
10.15 am - 11.00 am	Chair's Welcome	(Napoleon Suite)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Opening of SGM/Conference by Vice-Chairs, ACHCEW- Appointment of Tellers- Motion to suspend Standing Orders re. election of Hon. Officers- Receipt of Financial Report /Audited Accounts and Budgets- Annual Report 2002/03	
11.00 am - 11.30 pm	Coffee	(Empire Suite)
11.30 pm - 12.00 pm	Sir Graeme Catto, President, General Medical Council	
12.00 pm - 12.30 pm	Dr Richard Taylor, MP for Wyre Forest	
12.30 pm - 12.45 pm	Malcolm Alexander, Director, ACHCEW	
12.45 pm - 1.15 pm	Dr Evan Harris, Liberal Democrats spokesman for Health Close of SGM	
1.15 pm	Lunch	(6TH Floor, Du Barry Suite)