

Minutes of the PPG Meeting held on Wednesday, 2nd December 2015

In Attendance: MR, CH, JB, WR, MH, RO, Kate Robotham and Miriam Krahenbuhl.

Apologies: BK

Welcome and Introduction

Kate Robotham welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported that unfortunately Michelle, the PPG Co-ordinator, was off ill and Miriam Krahenbuhl, our Medical Secretary attended the meeting instead.

Minutes of last Meeting(s): Minutes of both 1st July and 7th October 2015 were agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising:

PPG Chair – our outgoing Chair, Mr Wyn Reilly reported that he was unable to continue as Chair due to ill health. He suggested that it would be useful for any new Chair to become more pro-active in ascertaining what was happening within the locality and within other PPGs. Although none of the current members have the time to take on this role, Julie Ball volunteered to attend the next PPG meeting at Alton if appropriate. Kate to contact the PPG Chair at Alton to ask if this was acceptable and the date of their next meeting.

Kate invited all members to put forward any ideas for the future development of the PPG. One suggestion was that we have two meetings – one for Waterhouses PPG and one with a speaker where other patients are invited?

Practice Extension Plans:

Kate reported that finally Peak Park Planning had accepted the revised plans for the building. Now awaiting final agreement on funding from NHS England with the hope that building will start in January 2016. Once this agreement has been received Kate will make arrangements to inform all patients of the forthcoming disruption – services will not be disrupted but parking may be an issue which Kate is going to address with the neighbouring houses.

Kate distributed a copy of an article in the Leek Post from October 28th reporting on the extension to the Surgery and informed the group that the Parish Council had been very supportive and were offering parking at the sports ground for staff during the alterations.

Moorlands Rural and Werrington Patient Locality Group

Rachel Overton kindly attends the above meeting. Recent discussion has been around the future of Cheadle hospital. An event was arranged 'My Care, My Way' in November – to be reported on at the next meeting.

Public Health Project

Kate reported that PPGs were expected to actively work with the Practice to develop a campaign to raise awareness and improve the health of the practice population. The campaign should be relevant to the needs of the practice population. At the October PPG meeting it was suggested that more information around Dementia would be useful. The original idea as discussed with Cathryn Hayes at the October meeting was for a Dementia Nurse Lead to attend from UHNS. Unfortunately funding had been pulled and he was no longer able to attend. Rachel reported that she had attended a Locality Group meeting where there was an excellent speaker on Dementia, Professor Nicky Edelstyn from Keele University. She was happy to contact the Prof to see whether she would consider coming to speak to us some time during March. The Hub was suggested as a venue and Kate agreed to contact them to ascertain dates/cost/numbers and report back. Once a date has been set then further discussion needs to be undertaken at the next PPG meeting January to organise the promotion of this event.

(Update: Rachel has heard back from Prof Edelstyn who is happy to attend. The afternoon of March 24th has been booked with The Hub – please put this date in your diary).

Antibiotic Awareness Campaign

Kate reported on the latest NHS England campaign to try and inform patients that the use of antibiotics is not always the answer for viral infections and over-use of antibiotics could have serious consequences. Kate also reported that Waterhouses Medical Practice are deemed one of the higher prescribers of antibiotics in the locality. An audit has been undertaken which showed that all antibiotic prescribing by the GPs was clinically appropriate.

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- a. Mr Reilly asked about the role of our Clinical Support Assistant, Sharon Walford. Kate explained that she has a nursing background but her role does not extend to clinical nursing care in the patients home. She is very much the conduit between our vulnerable patients and our clinicians or other services such as Occupational Therapy and District Nursing. Most of her hours are spent in the patient home rather than seeing them here at the Surgery. The majority of her patient list are the elderly who may be vulnerable to hospital admission.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the PPG for their continued support. It is all very much appreciated. Everyone at the Practice sends their very best wishes for the festive season.

Date of next Meeting: ~~Wednesday 27th January 2016~~ Date postponed to:

WEDNESDAY, 3rd February at THE HUB, Waterfall Lane, Waterhouses (behind the Post Office)