

BLUE DYKES PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Meeting minutes

Date: 12th April 2012

Present

D.Briggs, P.Greenwood, J.Poet, K.Slack, Dr J Mann, J. Ainsworth,

H.Johnson, R.Butler, J.Kirby, J Wilson, C.Kirk

1. Apologies

V.Shelton, P.Parker, J. Strong

2. Approval of Minutes

H. Johnson asked for his questions regarding use of the internet link on the surgery's website be recorded in the minutes. C.Kirk to make the necessary amendment.

3. Matters Arising

A draft PPG Newsletter was presented to the group by J.Poet for approval. Julie also read an article she had prepared to put up in the waiting room at the Grassmoor Surgery which was to welcome Patients there. Julie had also purchased a mobile phone for the group's use. She had kindly paid for this herself. The mobile phone number will be displayed in both surgeries for Patients to contact a PPG member on if they have any concerns. Group members to take it in turns to hold the phone on a monthly basis.

4. Treasurers Report

H.Johnson reported the group's Building Society account had been successfully transferred to show the new signatories on the account. He also reported the total cash available to be £311.07.

5. Grassmoor Update

Dr Mann confirmed the takeover of Grassmoor surgery is now complete and patients are being seen there by our GPs and also locum doctors. Finances dictate that the surgery will probably be run on a part time basis with 5 sessions being offered a week. Some in the morning, some in the afternoon. Patients there were concerned about the reduction in opening hours and during the consultation period consideration would be given how to structure the surgeries to offer the best possible service.

J.Ainsworth enquired if the building was to be empty for part of the week would it be possible to let out rooms for other clinical services e.g. toe nail clipping service. Dr Mann

confirmed this was a possibility and with building work due to start at the Clay Cross site later this year some of the services e.g. counselling may transfer to the Grassmoor site.

The aim of the practice is to build up the patient list which would enable additional sessions to be held there. The 2 practices run separate computer and telephone systems at present and until these were fully merged it would create some operational difficulties. Some of the PPG members had met patients at Grassmoor earlier in the day and the feeling was that they wanted the Surgery there to continue pretty much as it had been in the past.

Public engagement meetings are due to be held in May where more of the Grassmoor patients concerns will be addressed.

6. C.Q.C

Nothing to report

7. C.C.G

Nothing to report

8. Future Meeting Dates

C. Kirk enquired if the second Thursday in the month is still suitable for future PPG meetings. The group confirmed this was the case. C.Kirk asked if a meeting should be held in August due to holidays. The group felt it should.

9. Any Other Business

J Wilson reported that the bus service from Wingerworth was being withdrawn on 26th May 2012 which would have an impact on patients from that area attending appointments. She wondered if there was anything we could do. D.Briggs and K.Slack to make further enquiries about this.

J.Kirby enquired what the situation was concerning the camera previously mentioned. C Kirk advised that this had been put on hold pending the introduction of a new computer system. Alternatives were being considered as to what use the group's funds could be put to. J.Kirby also enquired if the Practice was aware that funding was available if the Surgery had a PPG. K.Slack confirmed she was aware of this but would make further enquiries with the PCT.

D. Briggs distributed a leaflet concerning public meetings to be held in the near future concerning the future of the Health Service. 6 of the group members present volunteered to attend. C.Kirk to make the necessary bookings.

R.Butler enquired if the Group could give advice on a situation he had been made aware of. Dr Mann and J.Ainsworth offered help with the problem.

Meeting closed 8.40pm