

BLUE DYKES PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 13th December 2012 held at Grassmoor Surgery

Present:

D Briggs, J.Kirby, J.Wilson, P.Greenwood, , V.Shelton, C.Kirk, , I.Barlow, Dr C Shell , J. Strong
P. Hemsley, B.Hill, H.Johnson, P Parker

1. Apologies:

J.Ainsworth, J.Poet, R Butler, J. Sheppard, J Slater

2. Approval of Minutes:

The November minutes accepted as a true record. Proposed by H.Johnson and seconded by J. Wilson

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

4: Treasurers Report

A sum of £133 was raised at the Christmas Market Stall bringing the total held in the account to £1154.74p

Discussion took place regarding what the funds could be spent on to benefit the practice. The purchase of a defibrillator had previously been mentioned as there is not currently one at the Grassmoor site. J.Kirby reported he had an application for a grant from the British Heart Foundation which would enable us to purchase the kit through them at a reduced price. B.Hill agreed to approach the Parish Council with a view to obtaining assistance with the cost of the defibrillator as this was something that would benefit the community.

The point was raised that more help was needed to run the fund raising events as this task seemed to fall to the same small group of members.

5. PPG Networking Event

D.Briggs gave his report on his attendance at the last networking event.

It was agreed that it would be a good idea for all PPG group minutes to be published on the Hardwick website. C Kirk to arrange in future.

The subject of Patient surveys was discussed at the meeting and the importance of involving the PPG with this annual task. This was not just in conducting the survey but by involving the group in planning what action is to be taken when the results are analysed.

D.Briggs produced examples of newsletters and practice leaflets produced by other PPG s so that the group could see what is being done in the area.

6. Purchase of equipment

As it had already been agreed that a defibrillator was to be purchased, thoughts were expressed on what other pieces of equipment would be useful. In view of the alterations and improvements about to be done at both surgeries it was agreed to keep funds on reserve until a later date.

7. Staff News

V.Shelton advised that Dr Fowler would be retiring at the end of March 2013 and until that time would be working a reduced number of sessions each week.

Dr George will return from her Maternity leave in February 2013.

Dr Kerry is now back at the Practice from her Maternity leave.

Dr Mann will also retire towards the end of 2013.

The practice is currently advertising for a new Partner.

There were concerns over the lack in continuity of care for patients at the Grassmoor site and although the Practice is aware of this problem it should improve in the coming months.

With regard to the office staff, there has been split into a reception team and an admin team. This will mean that patients will see a smaller number of regular receptionists.

The management of the Practice has recently changed also with Verity taking the title of Business and Development Manager and Katie having the role of Practice Manager.

8. Grassmoor & Clay Cross Building Developments

V.Shelton explained the imminent changes that would be taking place at the Grassmoor surgery. Portacabins are now on site and surgeries would be held from there from Monday 17th December. The 12 week closure will enable renovations to the waiting and reception areas, improvements to the toilet facilities, installation of electronic doors, and provision of a footpath along the side of the building. A mood board with the showing the colour scheme and choice of materials was shown to those present.

Similar changes will take place at the Clay Cross site from the 7th January 2013 with portacabin accommodation being used as the patient waiting area while works are carried out there also.

9. Any Other Business

J.Wilson enquired about the missing bollards in the car park at Clay Cross. V.Shelton confirmed these had been replaced some time ago.

J.Kirby enquired if those present were aware of a screening programme for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm. Dr Shell confirmed that the surgery were aware of this and J.Kirby produced an information sheet confirming details of the self referral scheme.

H.Johnson proposed that a donation be made to this years Movember event. Drs Mann Wayman & Hick had all taken part . The surgery had received donations of £235 and H.Johnson proposed that this sum was rounded up to £300. The group agreed to this.

B.Hill informed the group that some lottery funding had been awarded to the local area including Grassmoor. She requested some input from from GPs to sit on the funding committee as she thought local councillors would not be eligible for this. Dr Shell expressed her willingness to help and asked B.Hill to find out what would be involved.

I Barlow enquired what action had been taken with regard to outlying patients in the Grassmoor area now that the new boundary had been set. V.Shelton confirmed that those patients affected were being contacted.

Dr Shell expressed concern over rumours of a petition against the surgery. She had heard that someone was doing a door to door petition in the area. Grassmoor patients present had no knowledge of this but agreed to make enquiries.

Discussion took place about how best to communicate the plans for the surgery to the patients in the area. V.Shelton confirmed that signage had been ordered and was ready to be put up outside the building. An article in the Grassmoor Parish newsletter would also be prepared. Thought would also be given to a re-launch event.

C.Kirk reported that the Patient survey has been printed and is ready for action in the New Year. This would probably start in the week commencing 14th January 2013 and volunteers would be asked to help with this at both surgeries at the next meeting.

With regard the Art Competition being done by the students at Grassmoor Community School, C.Kirk would collect the entries in the following week ready for judging at the January meeting.

J.Strong gave some information regarding her involvement with the local food bank. It is hoped that Blue Dykes surgery would be referring agent for this scheme which is used by local people in crisis.

Meeting closed at 9pm. The next meeting to be held at Clay Cross on Thursday 10th January 2013.