

# **BLUE DYKES PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP**

## **Meeting minutes**

**Date: 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

**Opening:** Verity Shelton took the chair.

Verity introduced Carol Kirk and explained her role within the Practice. Carol will take Helen's place at PPG meetings.

Verity welcomed Dr Wayman to the meeting and said that one of the doctors would try to attend alternate meetings on a rota basis.

**Present:** J. Ainsworth, R. Butler, B. Flude, R. Greenwood, J. Kirby, H. Johnson, C. Kirk, J. Poet, V. Shelton, J. Strong, J. Wilson, Dr Wayman.

**Apologies:** J. Slater K. Slack

**1. Approval of Minutes:** November's minutes were approved.

**2. Matters Arising:**

1. Development. Verity and Dr Wayman had further talks with the Council who were now in favour of the proposed extension. No starting date as yet so as not to interfere with GMI, the contractors responsible for the Tesco site development. Ron and Harry have lobbied councillors about the extension on behalf of the Practice.
2. Newsletter. Julie showed a draft of the next edition which was approved by the Group. An article on Blue Dykes needs to be finalised, then printing can proceed, hopefully within a week.
3. Foreign Travel process. Nurse practitioners are now able to prescribe anti-malaria tablets.
4. Web site. J. Ainsworth asked for an up-date. This is to be one of Carol's tasks and she is to start work on the site including the PPG page.

### 3: New Business :

- a) **Treasurers Report.** Not available as Treasurer not present. J. Kirby gave £197.05 to Verity for safe keeping, after checking by Carol. ( proceeds from Flu Day ).
- b) **Equipment for the Surgery.** The PPG asked for ideas from the surgery for any equipment that we could buy and donate. Dr Wayman suggested a camera which could be used to monitor patients skin conditions or other unusual clinical features. Members thought this a good idea and Verity and Dr Wayman will look for a suitable model and get back to the group.
- c) **November ( Prostate Cancer charity )** The Group agreed to donate £50 towards the amount raised by Drs Wayman and Mann for growing moustaches to this charity.
- d) **Christmas opening times.** These will be advertised in the Newsletter and elsewhere. The surgery will be closed for 4 days at Christmas and 1 day at New Year.
- e) **DNAs.** These continue to be a problem. Targeted patients are being given telephone reminders of their appointments but this causes work problems for staff. Monitoring to continue.
- f) **District Nurses.** P. Greenwood explained that his wife requires regular visits by a District Nurse and it is a different nurse at each visit giving no continuity of care. Verity said that nurses are not employed by the surgery so could not dictate their visits. Ruth Francis, part of the DHIS team responsible for the nurses, was aware of the problem and was looking at nurses working patterns to improve the situation.
- g) **J.Strong.** Jenny explained her involvement with a charity based at St. Bartholomew's church that distributed gifts of toys, food and toiletries to local needy people identified by Social Services. The surgery supported this work and Jenny said any donations would be welcomed.
- h) **H. Johnson.** Harry thanked people for taking part in his charity quiz which raised £80 towards a bowel scanner for Ridgeway ward at the Royal. Harry belongs to the local Buffalos which have raised £500 towards the scanner.

Minutes compiled by J.Kirby.

**Next meeting: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012 7.30 p.m.**

