

Minutes of
Blue Dykes Patient Participation Group Meeting

9th July 2015 Clay Cross

Present

H. Johnson, D.Briggs, . I Barlow. K Slack, J Beksa, N Davies, R. Butler, J Strong, B Garbutt, J Kirby. M Turton K Willetts.

1. Apologies

G.Elvidge. J Slater, C.Kirk

2. Approval of minutes

The May minutes were approved as a true record. Proposed by H.Johnson and seconded J. Kirby

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Treasurers Report

The treasurer confirmed the balance of funds on hand to be £257.06p

5. PPG / PRG Events

The PRG event at the football club, D.Briggs noted was very poorly attended only 3 out of the 16 practices in Hardwick CCG were represented; but was pleased to report that the PPG event for the HCCG was much better represented by 10. There was an update from each practice involved in the meeting. D. Briggs mentioned our new appointment system.

“Joined up Care” D.Briggs reported that this was still an ongoing issue, and a decision would not be made until the end of the year after public consultation.

6. Surgery News- Modern Surgery

Katie spoke briefly about the new appointment system, it is still going really well, the Practice has had a lot of positive feedback.

Dr Bean will be going on maternity leave from the end of October, we are advertising for cover; the advert for a permanent GP is still ongoing, nationally. B.Garbutt suggested advertising internationally, Katie will look into the cost of this and the implications around language and whether the qualification for GP’s from other countries is compatible with Britain’s.

Unfortunately Dr Bircumshaw who had responded to the advert for a salaried doctor, has on reflection changed her mind about joining the Practice.

Dr Betts is leaving Clay Cross Medical Centre shortly, this will mean that both Practices in Clay Cross will be under pressure, especially once the construction of the new houses, planned are underway.

B. Garbutt inquired whether the CCG could be of any help, Katie said that she had applied to them for help in the past but they had been “less than helpful”

It was agreed by the PPG that a letter would be drafted to Natacha Engel MP, outlining the Practice’s current difficulties, and the national situation at present. M .Turton suggested that the letter should be copied to the Department of Health and the CEO’s of the HCCG and DCC, this was agreed.

D. Briggs and Katie will arrange a mutually convenient time to start drafting the letter, once done it will be emailed to the PPG for approval and any further input.

J.Strong asked that Katie pass on the PPG’s support for Dr Wayman and Dr Shell.

7. Summer News Letter

D.Briggs offered his services for the Newsletter. After discussion within the group the items to be included were decided on, as follows:-

Information regarding the proposed letter to Natasha Engel.

PPG thanking staff for their continued hard work for the Practice, and the PPG’S continued support.

“Flu Day” dates and Raffle.

The new “pool” appointment system.

Dignity in Care award.

Advertise the Practices website and facebook account.

8. Any Other Business

This year’s raffle tickets for the flu campaign have been printed by H. Johnson.

J.Beksa has again kindly donated £50 for one of the prizes- with thanks.

Jack’s Interiors have also donated a £50 voucher for the new store.

Missed appointments at the surgery are still a problem, it was suggested by B. Garbutt that we should phone patient when they have missed an appointment, Katie agreed with this and will start to implement that.

Dr Wayman, Dr Shell and Katie have a meeting arranged with Natacha Engel on the 22nd September at the Surgery.

J.Beksa asked if there was anything he could do to alleviate the work load on the Practice. Katie thanked him for his consideration but advised that there was probably little else that could be done at this point.

Meeting Closed at 8.40pm

Next Meeting to be held at Grassmoor Thursday 10th September.