

BLUE DYKES PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Meeting minutes

Date: 14th June 2012

Present

D.Briggs, P.Greenwood, J.Poet, , J. Ainsworth,

R.Butler, J Wilson, C.Kirk, P Parker, J. Slater, Dr C. Shell

1. Apologies

J. Strong, J. Kirby, H. Johnson, B. Flude

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

Revision of Bus Service in Wingerworth. C.Kirk reported that Katie had contacted the County Council concerning this matter and had received a reply which was circulated around the members present. The withdrawal of the service was due to economic reasons and low user levels.

Group mobile phone. Julie Poet to continue to hold the phone for the next month. Julie to liaise with C.Kirk regarding displaying the contact information in the waiting rooms at both Clay Cross and Grassmoor.

The NHS debate meetings. Several of the Group members had attended these meetings at different venues in the area. They had found them to be informative and worth attending. Further meetings will be held later in the year.

4. Grassmoor Update

David Briggs gave an account of the public engagement meeting held in May concerning the Grassmoor Surgery. He felt the meeting had gone well, and although there were some concerns raised, those present were in the main supportive of the merger.

Dr Shell reported that from July the Grassmoor site would be open for 5 sessions a week, staffed mainly by locum and Clay Cross GPs. Unfortunately the salaried GP who had been offered a position at Blue Dykes is no longer in a position to take up the post and the vacancy is being re-advertised.

The patient numbers need to increase to make the Practice a more viable concern. Since Blue Dykes became involved there has been a small increase in the Patient List which is encouraging.

5. C.Kirk reported that the surgery had recently ordered a Doppler kit. She had consulted with H.Johnson the group Treasurer who had indicated that a donation of £250 could be made towards this from PPG funds. The group agreed that this was acceptable.

6. C.Q.C

Dr Shell advised that the Practice was still doing work on this matter but there was nothing to report to the Group at present. J.Slater reported on her experience with CQC and the exacting standards set by them.

7. C.C.G

David Briggs reported on his involvement with the Stewardship programme. Practices within the Hardwick Group will receive a visit from the CCG assessing standards in a number of areas. The reports on each practice will be collated and circulated within the Hardwick Group to help identify areas for improvement and to share "best practice".

David Briggs advised the group of a Networking event to be held on 27 June 2012. He would be giving a talk at the event based on the success of the Blue Dykes PPG. It was agreed that since its inception the group had made a significant contribution to changes made at the Practice. Several members agreed to attend the event to support David on the night.

8. Any Other Business

J. Ainsworth raised the matter of the proposed open cast site on the A61. She asked the group for any input they could provide to help the action group campaign against the open cast work. Dr Shell agreed to contact the LMC for information on the medical effects of open casting as this is a specialist area. Julie Poet had some contacts that she offered to provide.

P. Greenwood reported that he was still experiencing problems with care from the community nursing team. Promised visits were not taking place and generally there was a lack in continuity of care. Dr Shell said that was very disappointing to hear and that these concerns would be carried forward to the Practice Manager.

J.Poet enquired when the next PPG newsletter should be produced. It was agreed this should be done over the next 4 weeks. A discussion took place concerning fund raising for the group. Ideas such as cash for clothes and a market stall were discussed and it was agreed that J.Slater, J.Wilson, & J.Poet would form a sub committee to look at this in more detail.

David Briggs reported on his attendance at the NAPP AGM in Manchester. This had been a full day event comprising of presentations and workshops. It had also given him the opportunity to talk with representatives from other PPGs.

Meeting closed 8.45pm