

BLUE DYKES PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Meeting minutes

Date: 17TH November 2011

Opening: .Mr. J. Kirby took the chair.

Present : D. Briggs, R. Butler, B. Flude, R. Greenwood, J. Kirby, H. Mallender, J. Poet, K. Slack,
R. Unwin, J. Wilson, H. Johnson.

Apologies: J. Ainsworth, J. Strong, V. Shelton, D. Needham, P. Parker, J. Slater.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Note the following corrections : 1. V. Shelton was present. 2. Under the new Appointment System Mr. Howard should read Mr. Johnson. 3. Under A.G.M. the last was April 2010.
October's minutes were then accepted as a true record.
2. **Matters Arising:** 1. Foreign Travel is still under discussion by the Practice.
2. Mr. Unwin asked about the car park situation. Katie said this was still under review and the Council was aware of the problem.

3: New Business :

- a) **Development.** Katie explained that a problem had occurred with the proposed extension of the surgery. The Practice has a lease on the car park from the Council and as yet the Council has not granted planning permission. Local support for the extension would be welcomed particularly from Parish and District councillors but the Group could not decide how to achieve this. Jan suggested a petition but this was not practical as the plans are still confidential.
- b) **Newsletter.** Helen suggested that it was time to consider issuing another Newsletter, ideally before Christmas. The first edition has proved a great success. Items could include staff profiles, opening times over the Christmas period and the origin of the Blue Dykes name. Julie to be asked to edit the next edition.
- c) **Flu Campaign Update.** This had proved a success for the Practice and the Group. Helen thanked the group for its part, particularly the members who took part, notably Roy and Peter. Mr. Kirby reported that approx. £180 was raised, mostly book sales. Proceeds were boosted by a donation from card sales from Jan and surplus clothes sales from Peter. Mr. Johnson asked what could we do with the money. Mr. Greenwood suggested it be spent on something useful to the Practice and the

Group agreed. The Groups only expenditure is an annual national affiliation fee of £30. The Practice is to consider ideas for something suitable.

3. A.O.B.:

- a) Helen has been appointed as a Care Co-ordinator for Blue Dykes and a new person will fill her role as Patient Liason Officer.
- b) Mr. Briggs offered to talk to the Group about the role of the Local Health Watch which replace LINKS. This offer was accepted by the Group.
- c) Mr. Johnson asked about the Web-site being up-dated. Katie to look into this although she thought it was.
- d) Mr. Johnson asked if meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month could be avoided as it clashed with other commitments.
- e) Mr Johnson asked about DNAs now the new appointment system was running. Katie said levels had remained the same overall but would be kept under review.
- f) Mr. Kirby asked about Aquarobics referrals. Katie said this could be done through Helen the Health Care Champion.
- g) Mr. Kirby gave a leaflet to Helen about Site Support Derbyshire available to patients without referral at the Royal Hospital. This would be passed to the Health Care Champion.
- h) J. Wilson asked about details kept by the Practice on careers. A Careers pack is available and Helen would check on Jan's case.
- i) Helen stated that Dr Shell was back at work on a reduced hours basis. The Group was pleased to hear this and wished her well.
- j) Helen said that Dr. Cunliff leaves at the end of December and a new registrar would be appointed.
- k) Helen said that Margaret Hardy, the cleaner, was retiring after 34 years service.
- l) Roy Unwin announced he was resigning from the Group. He said he had achieved what he joined for but had other commitments. Roy was thanked for his participation and his efforts at the Flu-days.

Minutes compiled by J.Kirby.

Next meeting: Thursday 8th December 7.30p.m.