

BLUE DYKES PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 11TH October 2012 held at Grassmoor Surgery

Present:

J.Kirby, J.Wilson, P.Greenwood, R.Butler, V.Shelton, C.Kirk, J.Sheppard, J.Milne, I.Barlow, J. Slater, Dr C. Shell, J. Strong, P. Hemsley, J.Poet

1. Apologies:

K.Slack, H.Johnson, P.Parker, D. Briggs, J.Ainsworth

In The absence of D.Briggs J.Wilson chaired the meeting.

The group members introduced themselves to the new members attending. J.Sheppard, I.Barlow & P.Hemsley all attending for the first time and representing Grassmoor patients.

2. Approval of Minutes:

The September minutes accepted as a true record. Proposed by R.Butler and seconded by J. Kirby

3. Matters Arising

The application for a grant from the Clay Cross Parish Council will be reported upon at the next meeting when H.Johnson (treasurer) is present.

4: Treasurers Report

H. Johnson had left details of his report with C.Kirk who reported that a sum of £591.14 was held in the account including the donation of £260 made by P.Greenwood. This amount being collected at the funeral of his late wife Mrs A. Greenwood.

At this point I.Barlow asked for clarification on what the PPG's purpose is. J.Wilson and V.Shelton gave some background to how the group came to be set up. The group play a part in fund raising for the surgery and also are a group of patients who care strongly about the future of the Practice. They bring ideas and concerns to the meetings and act as a consultative group with the doctors and management of the Practice.

5.C.Q.C.

V.Shelton confirmed work was still going on and that the buildings at both Clay Cross and Grassmoor were being reviewed to assess the work needed to make them compliant with the latest regulations.

6.C.C.G

Representatives from the group had recently attended an event held by the CCG. J. Kirby gave some background to the CCG for the new members present. The Commissioning group were looking to set priorities in health care for the following year. They hope to do work in more specialised areas and also in preventative care. A further meeting would be held in January 2013 and PPG members would be able to attend if they wished.

A website is being developed for the CCG and this can be accessed at www.hardwickccg.nhs.uk

7. Flu Days

Banners and signs had been prepared for future events and volunteers were asked to attend at the flu days to help with the fund raising stalls. V.Shelton mentioned an event being promoted by Ashgate Hospice at the end of October. She asked if a donation from the flu day fund raising could be made to them. The group agreed to this.

J.Sheppard asked if any outside agencies had been asked to attend the flu days. C.Kirk confirmed Community Transport, Alzheimer's Society, and the Carers association had all said they would attend. J.Sheppard agreed to contact other groups to see if they would also be willing to come along.

8. Art Competition

C.Kirk advised that she and V.Shelton had spoken to Grassmoor Primary School about some of the children there producing a "HealthyLiving" poster. The Head of the school had agreed to this and the posters will be exhibited in the Grassmoor Surgery later in the year.

9. Patient Survey

C.Kirk asked the group if they would be willing to help with the annual patient survey again. By Involving the PPG last year there had been a much better response to the survey as patients seemed much more willing to complete the survey when approached by another patient rather than a member of staff. The group indicated they would be willing to help. C. Kirk will bring proposed survey dates to the next meeting so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

On the subject of communicating with patients, J.Sheppard enquired if the Surgery had ever considered linking up to a "face book" page. It was agreed that many people use this social networking site, and as long as there were strict guidelines in place regarding content, this could be a good way of reaching a group of patients who would otherwise not engage with Blue Dykes. C.Kirk to contact the current website provider to see if this link could be introduced via the Blue Dykes Surgery Website.

10. Any Other Business

The group were advised that 2 additional sessions would be introduced at the Grassmoor Surgery from 22nd October 2012. The Surgery would be open all day on Mondays and Fridays in addition to Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Drop in surgeries would be introduced on a Monday morning and a Friday afternoon. This will run for a trial period and then reviewed to see if adjustments to the timing of the clinics are needed.

Concerns have been raised over the availability of appointments at the Grassmoor surgery, and it is hoped that by setting up these drop in clinics, this will help patients gain easier access to a GP.

The subject of Tesco Pharmacy completing medication reviews for Blue Dykes Surgery was raised. This is a service offered by many pharmacies and patients are free to choose whether or not complete a review on their premises.

R.Butler enquired if the Surgery had considered joining the Clay Cross Traders association. V.Shelton confirmed this had been looked at in the past but it was not felt that the benefits outweighed the cost of subscribing to this newsletter.

V. Shelton advised that the boundary area for the Grassmoor Practice was currently being looked at in conjunction with the PCT.

Meeting Closed at 9.15pm

Next meeting on 8th November at the Clay Cross Surgery.