

Minutes of  
Blue Dykes Patient Participation Group Meeting  
12<sup>th</sup> September 2013 Grassmoor Surgery

Present

C.Kirk, H.Johnson, V. Shelton, P. Greenwood, J. Kirby, J. Beksa , I.Barlow, J.Strong, D.Briggs, B.Hill, J. Poet, N. Davies, P.Hemsley

1. Apologies

L.Milne, R. Butler, J.Slater, Dr C.Shell

2. Approval of minutes

The July minutes were approved as a true record. Proposed by H. Johnson seconded by P. Greenwood.

3. Matters Arising

B.Hill expressed her regret at Dr J Hick leaving the Practice as he was well thought of in the community.

V.Shelton gave an update on the situation regarding the defibrillator. In December 2012 funding by grant through the British Heart Foundation was withdrawn, however, this was not widely known and time had been spent through the summer trying to progress an application for funding that was no longer available. In July however, a new scheme for funding was introduced which would involve financial help for siting a defibrillator on an outside wall. Having considered the risk of vandalism to the kit it was felt that we should re consider raising money to cover the full cost of buying the defibrillator (approx £1200). So far half of the money required is to hand with donations from the Grassmoor Council, Peak Pharmacy and Blue Dykes Surgery. It was agreed that funds raised at the flu days be used for this purpose and that other local businesses be approached for donations. P Hemsley suggested contacting "Big Local" for a grant and B Hill suggested contacting Rykneld Homes.

With regard to the Grassmoor open day, it was agreed that this be postponed to Spring 2014 and to organise some sort of fund raising/charity event to coincide with it to attract people to come along to the surgery.

Photo's of the opening ceremony at Clay Cross, still no progress in obtaining them from Dr Wayman's camera.

Face Book Page. C.Kirk to liaise with J.Strong regarding set up and monitoring.

Food Bank. A display to be put up at Grassmoor Surgery.

Flu Days. Posters were given out for to members for display in the community. H. Johnson asked for volunteers to help on the day. There will be limited space as the drop in clinics is being held at the Surgeries, however, it is planned for a raffle and book sale to take place.

#### 4. Treasurers Report

H.Johnson reported that funds of £1019.79p at the bank with £5 cash in hand ( donation from Grassmoor patient) . This is allowing for purchase of water coolers at both sites. Clay Cross Parish Council would be contacted to be considered for a grant again as in the previous year. H.Johnson asked for volunteers to contact him to arrange a rota for the flu day events.

#### 5. PPG/PRG Events

D.Briggs attended the last PRG meeting where Miles Scott had given a presentation. David had also attended the meeting for the Hardwick PPG however as this had once again clashed with our own PPG meeting he had not been able to stay until the end. Both events had been well attended however.

#### 6. Royal Hospital

J. Kirby had recently attended a council board meeting at The Royal Hospital where a number of facts were given on both the history and current patient data which he shared with the group.

#### 7. Any Other Business

N Davies asked if a drop in clinic could be introduced at Clay Cross Surgery due to its success at Grassmoor. V.Shelton explained that this system was easier to manage in a smaller surgery and that with a larger patient list this would be more difficult to regulate. The appointment system as a whole is always something that is being reviewed as demand constantly exceeds availability. This problem is not just at Blue Dykes Surgery but is a problem nationwide.

P.Greenwood asked how waiting times were at Clay Cross Surgery. This varies on a day to day basis but the GP's always aim to run to time. He also had reports that the waiting room had been cold this week . C.Kirk to check that the heating had been programmed to come on.

J.Kirby enquired if the surgery would be taking part in the “know your numbers campaign”? This is aimed at getting more patients familiar with their Blood Pressure readings. V. Shelton confirmed that information would be put up in the waiting rooms encouraging patients to use the self –help Blood Pressure arm.

I. Barlow enquired if the Grassmoor Pharmacy were doing medication reviews on a “home visit” basis. V. Shelton confirmed this was happening but would expect the pharmacist to make a mutually acceptable appointment for this to take place.

B.Hill felt the service currently offered at Gassmoor was very good overall and the patients in the area were generally very happy.

D. Briggs advised that NAPP are holding a regional event “Inspiring & Learning” and that he would be attending.

V. Shelton advised that the Hardwick CCG group had agreed on the format for the next patient survey which will be sent out at the end of November early December. C.Kirk to contact the PPG group with exact dates and ask for volunteers to help with this project.

V. Shelton advised that Dr Mann would be retiring in October and that no replacement had been recruited to replace him yet.

I.Barlow enquired about current GPs. V.Shelton advised that Dr Kate Payne has replaced Dr George in the partnership and Dr Clare Shannon had been employed to cover the session previously covered by Dr Hick and Dr Kerry.

There had been an instance earlier in the week when the duty doctor for Grassmoor had called in sick. Patients who needed to be seen were accommodated at Clay Cross on that particular day or re-booked into Grassmoor at later date.

C.Kirk reported that patient numbers were up at the Grassmoor Surgery. More building in the area would hopefully lead to further registrations. V. Shelton suggested that once a show home was open in the area, the site office be contacted and given information packs on the surgery.

H. Johnson enquired about the Shingles vaccination that was new this year. C. Kirk confirmed this would be offered in accordance with the Dept of Health guidelines to those patients aged 70 or 79 years of age. This will be offered at the flu campaign.

H. Johnson also made reference to the sad loss of the Groups Vice Chair, Janice Wilson, whose sudden death had created a vacancy for the position. It was agreed that any appointment to the position be deferred until the next AGM.

Meeting Closed at 8.50pm.

Next Meeting to be held at Clay Cross on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.30pm