

Victoria and Mapperley Practice PPG Interim Meeting 17th November 2015 at Mapperley Surgery

Present: James Pam (Chair), Debs Main (minutes), Anne Hardy, Tony Wright, Robin Taylor, Sue Hawksford

Apologies: Sue Clague, Catherine Wallis, Alan Wilson, Cath Verhoeven, Bill Brown

1. Newsletter.

DM presented the recently completed newsletter to the group. A vote of thanks was made to CW for printing the newsletter at her own cost. It was queried if cost could become an issue for CW depending on demand. This will be monitored and discussed with CW.

Suggestions for topics for the next newsletter in spring would be welcomed - to be added as an agenda item for the next full PPG meeting.

JP suggested a "meet the practice team" article and SH suggested that an article highlighting the underrepresented demographic on the PPG would also be a useful.

2. Walking for Health

This is an initiative taken forward by the PPG. AW is involved with the Ramblers who are linked to Walking for Health(WfH). AW has taken the lead with this project within the PPG action group.

More information is available on the PPG noticeboard and in the practice newsletter. AW would like ideas on how we can encourage patients to take advantage of this initiative. SH and TW felt it would be good if this was driven by clinicians. AW has flyers for clinicians to hand out. He will liase with Collette Saxon.

SH also suggested that maybe WfH could be used as a sponsored event to generate funds for good causes.

3. Access to Community Services

Robin T raised this as an agenda item. He has become aware of exercise classes available for people recovering from heart conditions provided at Carlton Forum by Gedling Council and he wondered what other services are available and how patients find out about them. How could the practice raise awareness of services? Suggestions included: a folder with information in the waiting room, an area on the practice website with links to services, an information screen in the waiting room. It was acknowledged that this would take time to keep updated and have an initial capital cost.

4. CCGs.

Clinical Commissioning Groups (**CCGs**) were created following the Health and Social Care Act in 2012, and replaced Primary Care Trusts on 1 April 2013. **CCGs** are clinically-led statutory NHS bodies responsible for the planning and commissioning of health care services for their local area.

JP recently met with Tracie Baker (Service Improvement Coordinator) from Nottingham City CCG. She wanted to understand how our PPG was working. She will be writing a report once she has met with 50 PPG Chairs in the City. TB will attend the PPG meeting in January and will hand out a short survey to PPG members asking for their opinion on the value of our PPG.

The good news is that the CCG will pay for NAPP membership for Nottingham PPGs for 1 year to assess its value to groups.

5. Value of Interim PPG

The group felt that these meetings are useful as an open forum for discussion in a less formal situation and should be continued.

Date of next meeting: To be fixed