**Friarwood Surgery P.P.G. Meeting 28th April 2015**

**Present:** Kevin Duggan- (Practice Manager), Dr Linda Dale (G.P). John Nye (Chair) Brian Chappell, Betty Bridden, Barbara Brown, Ian Brown, Sonia Atkin, Ian Thompson, Jeff Allinson, Lynda Bowker, Richard Padwell (H&WB team)

**Apologies:** Janet Hardisty

1. **Introduction –** Chair thanked all for attending.
2. **Dementia Funding** – Guest speaker Richard (RP) started the conversation by saying that there is a potential for up to £2000 available as part of the Dementia friendly grant. The group discussed ideas for how they could use this grant with the help of RP; ideas included training & education, looking at the practice environment. RP also offered to deliver monthly training sessions for patients and carers. KD commented that he & RD were meeting (11th May) a manager from Alzheimer’s UK to discuss how they would recommend making the surgery more dementia friendly so would feedback at the next PPG meeting.
3. **Previous minutes** - JN asked the group if they had read the March meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by the group.
4. **Practice Updates –** KD informed the group about the Care Home Pilot the practice was leading on was now offering ANP support to the Willow Park care home 5 days a week. This was part of an overall strategy which would eventually be a support solution that could be delivered to all Care Homes in the Wakefield district via the national Vanguard bid the CCG had recently won. KD also informed the group he had been to the open meeting with the developers (Persimmon Homes) of the redundant Maternity unit across from the surgery. The plan is to demolish the old hospital buildings and build 125 new houses with a proposed timescale of up to 18months dependent on planning permissions. KD informed the group that he had registered the surgery with the Safer Places Scheme which means we are now a place where people with dementia or learning difficulties can call in anytime if they feel they need help contacting carers or relatives. KD commented that now that all staff had received the dementia awareness training that we should be able to help vulnerable patients if they have problems.
5. **Network Meeting** - JN & BB gave feedback on the last network meeting including information about PPG groups at other local practices not meeting frequently and not having much of a say about anything that was happening in their surgeries. JN gave out a selection of information booklets that help explain how the CCG fits into the local picture of health provision and a booklet on ‘Understanding the new NHS’
6. **Medications discussion** – JN discussed with the group meetings he had attended about medications and his own personal views on the potential for patients to have too much reliance on the drugs they receive. JN challenged the group to try and come up with ideas to make patients more responsive for their own health, form a strategy and help spread the word about self-management. LD was asked her opinion on press releases that certain drugs were more harmful than good; she commented that a lot of information is recycled by the press to sensationalise issues. IT commented that GPs need to listen more to patients and try to get the right prescriptions, LD responded by saying it was sometimes a vicious circle of one drugs needs another and that prescribing of antibiotics was often a cultural thing with patients demanding them in a belief that they are a cure for everything. LD went on to say that chronic illnesses have lots of solid evidence for giving drugs to control them. JN went on to discuss Self Management UK and that he was meeting them to discuss patient training, which then would lead to conversations with the CCG to see if this could be improved for the people of Wakefield district.
7. **Any other business –** IB gave feedback on his first experience of interviewing patients as part of his voluntary role with Healthwatch. IB discussed meeting various patients and that the process had good objectives and would provide feedback to MYHT on their processes. IB commented that the views he had personally heard were mostly positive from patients about the NHS in general.
8. Meeting was closed at 8pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 26th May 2015.