

Friarwood PPG Meeting Minutes

28th August 2012

Present: Kevin Duggan- Practice manager, Liz de Dombal (G.P.) Ann Jones, Anne Tollick, Ian Thompson, Janet Hardisty, Lynda Bowker, Brian Chappell, Jeff Allinson, Gordon Mullis, John Nye, Betty Bridden, Gerry Delaney.

Apologies: Kath Evans, Paul Windeatt, Madelaine Wainman.

John Nye chaired the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

John thanked everybody for attending and recognised their commitment and said he was proud to be a member of this PPG.

Matters arising:

Brian raised the question of non-referrals from A+E and asked Kevin if anything had progressed. Kevin has spoken to the PCT – they know other practices in Wakefield have the same problem. Hopefully this will be addressed when the clinical commissioning group is up and running.

Janet asked for the PCT address so that any complaints regarding the loss of the chiropody service could be sent to them.

Brian asked what days Dr Slack is he working. Kevin also stated that Dr Das will be sharing the minor surgery duties with Dr Slack

Dr Brown – from the CCG has been asked to come and address the PPG. A date and an agenda will be arranged.

Autumn Newsletter:

Ian Thompson who is drafting the newsletter brought in some templates for us to look at and discuss. A format was selected and topics were discussed. All contributions to be in within a week.

Kevin to write about the Chiropody service and the Prescription for Healthy Living

Dr de Dombal to write about Whooping Cough and Flu

John Nye to interview Dr David Kirby – the new partner.

Jeff chairs the Cancer Partnership group meetings and asked if any PPG members would like to attend meetings. He will write a piece for the newsletter.

John suggested that some people needed help other than health issues and asked as to whether CAB or Age Concern could send a representative to the meeting. Kevin suggested that this was something that Health Trainers could deal with.

Flu Campaign:

KD mentioned that we have one of the worst Practice take up's of flu vaccinations in Wakefield. The vaccines arrive in mid-September. Martin as Nurse Coordinator is organising clinics.

Dr Soman had attended meetings and was disappointed by the flu uptake data. There will be late clinics on Thursdays and two Saturday clinics are being arranged as well as the normal Wednesday clinics. The practice midwife has also been approached and has agreed to offer to vaccinate all pregnant ladies she meets. The surgery appears to be missing the younger patients e.g. asthmatics and this is to be addressed.

The eligibility criteria for flu jabs tend to change each year making it difficult to target the right groups and causes confusion for patients who have traditionally been eligible.

John has an allergic reaction to the vaccine and asked about an alternative that had been mentioned to him.

District Nurses:

Gordon queried the information that District Nurses can access before going out on call. All records are available to them with permission from the surgery. There is a Community Matron (Simon King) based at the surgery who coordinates healthcare for older patients with multiple long term medical conditions. This is funded by the PCT at present.

Electronic Prescription Service:

This was discussed. At present there are eleven surgeries taking part and John asked when Friarwood will be starting. KD to pursue a start date with the PCT

John Nye:

He had been asked to take part in a film produced for Health Professionals. He put forward the case for more self-management courses.

Gerry Delaney:

Gerry has trouble attending meetings when they are held on the last Tuesday of the month. At next month's meeting it is hoped to address this issue.

The next meeting 25th September at 6.30pm.

Kath Evans has stood down from being Chairperson. John Nye was elected to be the new Chairman.

The group would like to thank Kath for her hard work.