

Friarwood P.P.G. Meeting Minutes

25th September 2012

Present: D.Kirby G.P, Kevin Duggan – Practice manager, Anne Tollick, Ann Jones, John Nye, Ian Thompson, Jeff Allinson, Gordon Mullis, Brian Chappell, Lynda Bowker, Barbara Brown, Betty Bridden, Madeleine Wainman.

Apologies: Dr de Dombal, Paul Windeat, Kath Evans, Janet Hardisty.

John Nye chaired the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. Matters arising: Gordon raised the question as to Dr Slack's working days. Kevin repeated them. John asked us to try other doctors as some people are loathe to do this and prefer to stay with one doctor.

Dr Brown from the C.C.G. has been contact with a view to coming to talk to the group. However he is only available on Wednesdays. Kevin has spoken to Dr Hannay and he can come to a Tuesday meeting, however a date is still to be arranged.

Flu campaign: Gordon approved of the pennant advertising this in reception. The criterion was again discussed. There is a rationalisation from the Department of Health to ensure that the most vulnerable groups receive the vaccination. The guidelines change yearly. All patients eligible for the vaccination will be asked to contact the surgery to book an appointment and the practice will contact the people who do not. The alternative flu jab had not be researched, Dr Kirby said he would look into this.

3. Autumn Newsletter: Ian brought in a draft version and it was decided that a subcommittee was required to approve the newsletter. It needs to be relevant and we need to get it out quickly. Ann, Kevin, Jeff with Ian will look at and review the final copy. Additional information regarding flu jabs and entitlement will be added. John is has done his interview with Dr Kirby and will type it up for the newsletter. Ian has tried to get more information on the Get Active scheme however details are very sketchy. Kevin did not know any information to add. It could be because of the changes with the P.C.T. that changes to Get Active will be made. The D.N.A small poster Ann drew up was liked and it is hoped to get it onto the screens in reception as well as being in the newsletter.

4. P.P.G. Network feedback: John and Betty attend the meetings at White Rose House in Wakefield. We are the only surgery from the east side of the Wakefield represented. They stated that the meetings are interesting and well worth attending. It was suggested that the meetings could be held more locally i.e. Pontefract or Castleford to encourage more people to attend. A very small article was published in the Pontefract and Castleford paper stating that the network had been going for one year. Ruth Unwin the Communications director for Mid Yorks Trust had given a power point talk on involvement. There have been talks on moving forward and patient input. Patients going to A+E had also been discussed.

We were given feedback information regarding Pontefract and the Clinical Services Strategy. In addition we were given 'your health your say' forms to fill in if we wanted regular information about the changes being made in the area.

John raised the point that a better Out of Hours provision is needed in Pontefract for patients with severe needs.

Patient and visitor transportation to Pinderfields needs to be addressed.

John attended the P.C.T. annual general meeting. He was disappointed that so few people were there.

5. Any Other Business: Electronic Prescriptions: The surgery will be going live on November 6th with E.P.S.

The A.A.A. National service has been in the practice for three days. It has screened some patients for an abdominal aortic aneurism.

There is a health Trainer in the surgery every Tuesday who will see referred patients who have problems dealing with their lifestyle conditions.

Next meeting: Tuesday 30th October at 6.30pm