

Friarwood P.P.G. Meeting Minutes

27th November 2012

Present: Liz de Dombal G.P. Kevin Duggan – Practice manager, Brian Chappell, Gordon Mullis, Jeff Atkinson, Mike Skidmore, Barbara Brown, Betty Bridden, John Nye, Ann Jones, Anne Tollick, Janet Hardisty.

Apologies: Ian Thompson, Sonia Akin, Paul Windeatt, Kath Evans, Madeline Wainman, Linda Bowker, Gerry Delaney.

John Nye chaired the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

E.P.S. Scheme: Training is taking place and is proving to be very effective.

Appointments: Is there a difference in the choices offered if asked for over the telephone rather than face to face. There was a query as to whether staff thought that Wednesday was a proper surgery. Kevin was to look into this.

Dr Ivan Hanney from the CCG board came to talk to the group about what the commissioning changes could mean for us as patients and also the practice.

These are some of the points he discussed:

Changes in healthcare:

- a. He saw the role of the doctor to be the patients advocate.
- b. G.P. commissioners are to be involved in the planning and purchasing of health care. This was done in the past by PCT managers at White Rose House.
- c. The Wakefield Alliance will be able to make decisions on behalf of patients, taking into account social care and secondary care. This means that at last GPs will now be talking to consultants.
- d. There will be a whole system transformation working out pathways for patients. Better use of and more value for money.

- e. The biggest thrust will be to keep patients at home with early intervention and intermediate care wherever practicable.
- f. Better use of hospital care with reconfigured services.

There appears to be two options left. One is to keep the status quo and the other will entail a redistribution of services between the hospitals.

- g. He also explained about locality boards. The forty practices in Wakefield have been divided into six boards. Each practice is represented by two members. This means that patients concerns can be presented to the board by the practice members thus giving patients a voice.

Questions were then asked.

- Jeff asked about a possible conflict of interest. Dr Hanney replied that at every meeting there has to be a Declaration of Interest. Dr Hanney understood our concerns with regard to Virgin Health and Novus Health.
- A question was asked as to the openness of the meetings and we were assured that as from the 1st April 2013 they will be open to the public.

Dr Hanney was thanked and it was felt by the group to have been a very positive meeting.

The next meeting Tuesday 29th January at 6.30pm.