

WILLINGTON MEDICAL PRACTICE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Meeting held at Kingfisher Lane Surgery, Thursday 21/08/2014.

Present: Margaret Hooley (chair), Mary Ross, Christine Bould, Pat Harvey, Ann Wood, Louise Scheck, Joan Burton, Sally Lovatt, Val Shelton.

1. **Apologies:** Chris Thorne, Ralph Bacon, Beverley Bowman, Sonya Harlow, Yvonne Date. MH referred to Colleen March, a PALS, member who was to have attended.

2. Matters arising from last meeting.

LS commented that the issue of drugs, their packaging and "next due" prescriptions was still pending as there been no time at the partners' last meeting. She also said that the new ECG machine has arrived and she will check on price, probably nearer the £1,500 mark.

This led on to a discussion about the possibility of another screen in the waiting room. LS asked if this was possible as some patients could not see either of the two screens; this was seen positively by the meeting and will go ahead,

At this point CB raised the matter of the wheelchair which has 3 problems including a missing foot rest, she has had an offer of £100 towards a new one and it was agreed that a new one should be purchased. In the meantime perhaps one could be rented?

3. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer this was not possible. SL reported that she had received a letter from the NAPP stating that the affiliation fees had not been paid, tho' these have been reported as paid (17/07/14.) This may be a problem with the change of address, SL will check with JH.

4. Health Promotion Event.

(JB reported she may not, regrettably, be able to help).

CB said that 24 organisations are attending. SL stated that there was a need to 'greet and direct visitors' to avoid 'wandering'. It was agreed that on arrival a package should be handed out to include: PPG leaflet, plan of exhibitors, a note re; flu clinics, latest practice newsletter and a feedback form to include:

Which stands did you find the most interesting/useful?

Would you have liked anything else?

Would you come back again?

Publicity has gone out to websites. Notices (25 in all) to go out to 6 villages. At this point LS pointed out that she has now received permission for an outdoor notice board, some discussion here as to who to approach to do that work.

CB said that exhibitors will advertise the event for Kingfisher Lane surgery patients, a large quantity of leaflets have been printed for distribution to local groups and in pharmacy.

The floor plan was discussed, a decision made to serve refreshments to stall holders ONLY. PH and VS agreed to help with this, LS said that she has staff on duty until 6.30 who would be able to help

It was thought a good idea to have photos of the Exercise Class on display at the event. Dr. Farrow nominated to take photos, possibly at the event as well. Press to be invited to promote the PPG.

MH thanked the team for all their hard work in the preparation of the event.

5. Exercise Classes

Numbers have fallen but SL said that only one person has actually dropped out. Inattendance may be due to holidays, illness and a possible problem with transport. With having a waiting list a discussion followed about the value of having another class. the question of whether there would be enough helpers and whether there WAS a need for helpers and the necessity for refreshments. It was agreed that another class would be good, refreshments would not be offered. SL will approach Jo (who had been in attendance on a few occasions with Lewis in the first class) re: Wednesday class. Drinks with the Thursday class will cease at the end of October. SL commented that 'Strictly no Falls' had been subsidising the Thursday class and that this would end on 8/08/14 when Lisa will become self-supporting. (attendees pay £3 and the room rent is £10).

6. AOB

SL asked LS if there was a need for help at the flu clinics which are on 4/10 and 11/10 from 9am-12noon. It was mentioned that this was a good time for fund-raising with the £50 board. It was agreed that helpers should be there.

Offers: 4/10.....AW and VS

11/10.....CB,PH and MH.

If any members who were not at this meeting could help on either of those two dates would you please contact VS (at 703571 or valshelton@talktalk.net) so that a rota could be arranged.

For the next meeting: Mindfulness and Dementia Friends Community. That meeting will be held on Thursday 16/10/14 at the Kingfisher Lane Surgery at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.