

Willington Medical Practice Patient Participation Group (PPG)

Thursday 15th May 2014

Present: Christine Bould, Joan Burton, Dr Farrow, Joyce Hargreaves, Sonya Harlow, Pat Harvey, Janice Heier (treasurer), Sally Lovatt (secretary), Mary Ross, Louise Scheck, Chris Thorne, Ann Wood

Apologies: Jim Ault, Tim Bodill, Margaret Hooley (chairperson), Val Shelton

AGM 2014

Introduction and overview of the year's activities: Report provided by Margaret Hooley

Treasurers' Report: Janice Heier. The assets are £4692.79

Surgery Update

Dr Farrell has now left and Dr Makava has been appointed as a salaried GP and Dr Ruddle is acting as a locum until Christmas.

There is a lot of pressure on GPs and currently they are expected to review unplanned admissions to hospital and check those of colleagues in their own and other practices.

Although this work is funded the money has simply moved from another previously funded service. There is a BMA campaign called 'Your GP Cares' and the issues are:

- An increased demand on general practice caused by demographic changes, more complex health needs and some care moving out of hospitals is all contributing to unsustainable pressures on GP services.
- Based on the current number of doctors working as GPs, and the staff who support them in the general practice team, there are simply not enough hours in the day to meet everyone's needs.
- GPs are telling us that they are struggling to recruit to vacant posts in their practices and to find locum cover so that patients can still be seen if a colleague is sick or absent.
- The increasing demand and workload pressures are leading to low morale and stress causing many GPs to leave the profession or to consider early retirement.
- GPs and their practice teams must have greater support to deliver high quality services to meet the needs of all their local patients.

There is no decision on BP monitor based in surgery for patient use discussed at previous meeting

Election of new officers

	Current	For re-election
Chairperson	Margaret Hooley	Yes
Vice Chair	Sonya Harlow	Yes
Treasurer	Janice Heier	Yes
Secretary	Sally Lovatt	No. Inappropriate as not member of staff or patient. Other commitments
Event Organisers	Christine Bould Pat Harvey	Yes Yes

All other committee members agreed to continue to support PPG. MH and VS have indicated that they wish to continue their support and **SL** to contact those not present to establish their intentions. The Chairperson and Treasurer were thanked for their hard work and contribution to the group.

Business Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report

The subscription to NAPP is due (£40) and £118 was raised by the Easter cake raffle and £29 from book sales.

Care Data

Implementation has been delayed for further consultation. Practices have been encouraged to hold a meeting to inform patients and **CB** will try and organise this. The recent surgery newsletter has explained the differences between the various types of data.

http://cdn-3.create.net/sitefiles/3/1/6/31682/Newsletter_March_2014.pdf

Annual Conference

The NAPP annual conference will be held on June 7th in Leeds and the group is willing to pay the expenses for 2 volunteers.

Exercise classes.

It was agreed that these have been very successful for the participants. The surgery is willing to rent the room to PPG if classes can be continued. Patients taking part have been asked to complete a feed- back questionnaire and then **SL** will try and organise more classes (possibly 2 consecutive sessions to make good use of instructor. There seem to be 2 agencies willing to provide instructors- council health and well- being group and 'Strictly no Falling'.

PPG Awareness week (2-6 June)

PPGs have been informed of a national campaign, 'Put Patients First: Back General Practice', to support GPs and this is in association with RCGP. It was suggested that one person from PPG is in surgery for one session each from Monday- Friday to:

- Promote PPG
- Advise patients how to support the campaigns to support General Practice
- Encourage support for exercise groups
- LS also asked if PPG members could help patients use the 'self-check in'

SL is to organise display and badges. Please inform SL of availability to help. A leaflet to promote PPG is available to hand out to patients.

Health Information Event – 17th September 2014. (4-7pm)

This has been provisionally agreed and the following suggestions were made:

Seminar Topic

Pre-diabetes; Mindfulness*; Day in life of GP; POA, living wills etc.; Getting Old; Skin cancer prevention; Men's' health; Preparing for an anaesthetic; Arthritis; Practice Management

Health Stands

Welfare rights; CVS Handy van; Fire; Police; Children's centre; Sexual health; Strictly no falling; Health and wellbeing (health checks); village games; Counselling; Smoking cessation; CAB; Healthwatch and or PALS; Audiology

CB and **PH** will contact suggested agencies and at the meeting in July a plan will be drawn up to advertise and promote to patients as well as finalise plans for the event.

Next PPG meeting is on Thursday 17/7/2014 at 7pm at Kingfisher Lane surgery.