

# Willington Medical Practice Patient Participation Group (PPG)

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011

**Present:** Annette Jennison (chair), Sonya Harlow, Sally Lovatt (secretary), Joan Burton, Pat Harvey, Mary Ross, Louise Scheck, Jill Cownie, Ann Wood, Chris Thorne

**Apologies:** Beverley Bowman, Janice Heier, Belinda Mitchell

## **Matters arising from minutes of the previous meeting:**

### **White Paper**

The White Paper was discussed relating to current activity in establishing locality groups. Willington Surgery has yet to be included in one of the groups but all groups will be under the Derbyshire Community Network and there will be liaison with all localities and around 13 GP practices within each locality group all referring to Derby hospital services. Currently hospitals are paid for outpatient appointments, day clinics, admissions, emergency care and referrals in advance and the PCT authorises payment. The surgeries see this retrospectively instead of being able to check that there are no errors before payment is made. A lot of inconsistencies have been found and this problem has cost millions and should be addressed by new systems under the new system of a GP led NHS. The focus of the White Paper is a patient centred NHS and there will be opportunity for PPG involvement within locality steering groups. The response of NAPP to the White Paper had been reviewed and (apart from being boring and repetitive) concern was expressed that we want to support the local surgery without further involvement in 'politics of locality or nationally. It was suggested that this role may be suitable for some and not for others and we may evolve in a slightly different way i.e. a group with subgroups focusing on slightly different interests all with the interests of the practice at heart. It was also felt that we need to attract a more representative cross section of the practice population. One new member of the committee has contacted the secretary and will be invited along to the meetings.

### **Treasurers Report**

Unfortunately the treasurer was unable to attend but sent a message to confirm no change to accounts from January apart from the payment request from NAPP for our annual subscription (£30).

### **New Medical Centre**

We were able to see the new plans which will shortly go to Planning. It now looks almost certain that the work should go ahead and the surgery could be moved by the end of 2012. The drawings are small and difficult to visualise but overall it looked very exciting. The GPs will be funding the provision of equipment and the PPG will support by providing the 'comforts' such as play equipment or possibly a fish tank, plants, pictures etc. Several comments and suggestions were made: pavements on both sides of Repton Rd, pelican crossing, air conditioning, solar panels, staff changing rooms, lockers etc. (especially if showers available), collection of rainwater, storage for display boards, wheelchairs etc., bicycle racks, pushchair park.

LS confirmed that no decision has been made regarding TENS machines.

### **What next?**

The PPG had requested that GPs approach them for any support considered suitable and the only issue for GPs at present is managing patient's demands for appointments especially 'urgent' appointments. It was wondered whether the PPG could help with some patient education.

Marina event – July? Stand to promote PPG and raise funds. PH will try and contact Marina to see if this is taking place this year

### **Fund raising event**

Heather Wheeler has contacted the group and suggested she would be willing to support an event in Carers' Week. It was decided to try and run a big raffle in the surgery for 2 weeks prior to an event in Willington which would have Carers' support, raffle, refreshments, the new build and the equipment etc. that the PPG hope to provide all on display. We will try and make this a major PR exercise to fundraise and stimulate interest in PPG as well as provide more information for Carers. (Post meeting note- Willington Village Hall Booked for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 3-7pm)

### **Repton Village Party (May 7<sup>th</sup>)**

We have been asked if we would like to be involved.

### **AOB**

Our attention was brought to an event promoting EMAS and also the EMAS scheme for Patient Medicine Bags designed to save lives, money and time. The talks for members of Derby Hospitals were highlighted for interest. Right Care support for patients was also briefly mentioned and it was confirmed that this is operated at our practice **Next meeting** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011 7pm and the date for the May meeting is now 11<sup>th</sup> May not 18<sup>th</sup> as originally planned. Old School, Castleway.  
Agenda Items to Sally please Contact: Sally Lovatt (01283) 702242 (work) (01283) 701960 (home) or [sally.lovatt@nhs.net](mailto:sally.lovatt@nhs.net)