

Willington Medical Practice Patient Participation Group (PPG)

Wednesday 19th January 2011

Present: Sonya Harlow (chair), Janice Heier (secretary), Sally Lovatt (secretary), Joan Burton, Pat Harvey, Mary Ross, Louise Scheck, Jill Cownie

Apologies: Beverley Bowman, Ann Wood, Annette Jennison, Chris Thorne

Matters arising from minutes of the previous meeting:

White Paper

NAPP have produced a response to the above which is available from their website

<http://www.napp.org.uk/napp/white-paper/>. An abridged version is being circulated around the committee

Carers' Coffee Morning

Very successful- we enjoyed ourselves but only 3 carers attended. There was considerable discussion around possible reasons. It was suggested that carers have not really got time to attend a purely social event. Also, it is possible that coffee and mince pies did not sound that attractive! It was also very icy. Several suggestions were made; provide transport, have a relevant speaker, have an annual event with various agencies such as welfare, finance etc. We had considered trying to provide some support to young carers but this has been discounted as there are no young carers registered at surgery, there are difficulties with CRB and security checks and there are good support mechanisms via school nurses and social services

Treasurers Report

£25.61 petty cash; £369.05 current a/c and £2480.84 in deposit account. £10 was received from a patient in lieu of sending Christmas cards (letter of thanks sent). £70 was made from the Christmas cake raffle (letter of thanks sent to donor). £44 received from sale of books. JH noted that there had been no request from NAPP for our annual subscription.

New Medical Centre

LS was able to update us and informed that negotiations are still continuing but it does seem certain that a development will go ahead. The change from PCT control to the new (unknown) management has created delays but hopefully at the next meeting LS hopes to be able to share the plans for the building. Planning permission has not yet been applied for as lease arrangements have to be settled before this can happen. The building will be completed with all of the necessary cupboards, electrics, sinks, sanitation etc but the GPs will be responsible for equipment, desks, beds etc. The PPG will probably be expected to help to provide the finishing touches such as plants, toys for the play area, portable equipment available for loan to patients, fish tank for the waiting area etc

What next?

The PPG request that GPs approach them for any support considered suitable.

Carers event- September

Marina event – July? Stand to promote PPG and raise funds

Willington Carnival July 16th Stand to promote PPG?

Fund raising event – May? Suggestions around a concert or similar to celebrate final agreements for new building

Please bring ideas, suggestions etc. to next meeting

Next meeting Wednesday 16th February 2011 7pm Old School, Castleway. Agenda Items to Sally please

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