

WATERFRONT AND SOLENT PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18 January 2018 at 6.30pm at the Waterfront and Solent Surgery

Present: Colin Bell (Chairman), Alan Johnston (Vice Chairman), Gill Johnston (Treasurer), June Matthews, Polly Read and Jill Tomlin (Secretary)

Also in attendance: Dr Sherwin

Apologies: Pauline McMahon, Sandra Wilkinson, Dr Hoyle

Condolences

The Committee expressed their sympathies to Pauline McMahon following the death of her husband.

Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed June Matthews, to her first Committee meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting. The Minutes were agreed without amendment.

Matters Arising.

Locality Meeting. The proposals outlined by Dr Sherwin at the last meeting were now up and running. The Practice at Lymington (TPAL) was now accepting Waterside and Totton patients for appointments with both doctors and nurses. It was run by Southern Health and a group of GPs including Dr Sherwin. So far, about 27 people had attended from Waterfront and Solent and 2, surprisingly, had travelled to Ringwood under the scheme. It had been thought that no-one would wish to go such a distance. Dr Sherwin would be outsourced to TPAL from the end of January to assist with their IT. Locums at our practice would be funded by TPAL to cover the temporary loss of a GP. At the moment, appointments are being made by Reception until the software at both practices is compatible.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasure reported income from the AGM/Open Meeting of £93.57 from the raffle and collection tins. Expenditure at the meeting on refreshments totalled £9.79 and with interest of £0.05, the bank total is now £1,253.30. This includes a generous donation from a patient of £300.

Practice News and Developments.

It was very likely that planning permission would be received shortly for the extension to the surgery. A couple of amendments had been required involving the roof line at one end and the omission of the small 1st floor extension. It was expected that the building work would start soon. The situation with appointments had improved considerably and patients were now able to get a routine appointment in about 3 working days. Nursing appointments had been rescheduled into clinics which also resulted in quicker appointments.

Locality Plans

A Frailty Project for home visits to so-called frail patients between 9 and 5 would be implemented, freeing up our GPs to make other home visits between 2 and 3.30pm. Up until now, home visits had been very rushed but now more time could be allowed for these often more complex cases. Full medical history would be available to the Frailty Project doctors. Follow-up appointments with physios could also be made ensuring a more holistic approach to the patients' health care needs.

Calendar for 2018

Dates for 2018 Committee meetings were agreed as 15 February, 15 March, 17 May, 19 July, 16 August (unless not required) and 20 September. The Spring Open Meeting was agreed for 19 April, which is the usual time in the year and the Autumn AGM/Open Meeting was brought forward a month to 18 October, the latter as it was hoped it would not be so cold or dark. A topic of "Surgery Soapbox" for the Spring meeting was proposed by the Chairman, involving talks by 2 GPs and a Nurse. Dr Sherwin could speak about the extension and other surgery developments while Dr Hoyle could explain his new role as GP Trainer. Regarding the Autumn meeting, Gill suggested a talk by Janice Hounslow, Medicine Optimisation Technician from the CCG to advise on correct use of medications. Both proposals were agreed and Gill would invite Ms Hounslow. Colin suggested that Gill might also like to chair the session. Dr Sherwin would discuss the Spring meeting ideas with his colleagues. The subject would be further considered at the next meeting.

The 2018 Flu Clinic would be held on Saturday 29 September. Colin would book the Parish Hall.

Other Activities

The Chairman asked the Committee to consider other possible activities to expand the work and effectiveness of the PPG. After discussion, which included a possible Newsletter as produced by a practice in Lymington, it was agreed that informal contact could be made with other PPGs with a view to an exchange of the best ideas.

Matters raised by PPG Members

The Secretary suggested that the Minutes of Meetings should be included on the PPG section of the Surgery website so that they would have a wider audience. Dr Sherwin agreed to do this.

The Chairman asked the Secretary to produce a list of current PPG members.

Next Meeting

This would be on Thursday 15 February 2018. The meeting closed at 7.35pm.

Distribution: All Committee members, Dr Hoyle, Dr Sherwin (to upload Minutes to the website), Sarah Trompetas Practice Manager (to place a copy in the PPG folder in the waiting room).