

Minutes of the VALLEY MEDICAL CENTRE
PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING
Wednesday 4th October 2017 at 6.30pm

Present: Dr David Baron, Liz Sedgwick – Practice Manager

Patients: James Fisher, Bev Fretwell, Biz King, Janet Kszton, Cliff North, Chris Milnes, Anne Payne, Judy Pearson and Margaret Tatchell

Apologies: Jim Brackenridge, Margaret Derbyshire

1 Minutes of meeting dated 22nd March 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. The practice had a return visit from CQC in June and now all areas are classed as 'good'.

2 Neighbourhood working

The practice is continuing with its close working with Deepcar and Oughtibridge surgeries. All three surgeries are working with the Community partnership group being led by South Yorkshire Housing to develop more social prescribing in our area. The three surgeries are continuing to host services that are accessible for all patients in our local area.

The new dementia café is hosting its first session on Thursday 5th October at the Venue.

3 New Doctors

Two new doctors are joining us in November and December. Dr Rebecca Maswon and Dr Rebecca Davenport. These will provide additional clinical sessions for the surgery. Dr Bunn is going on Maternity leave and her sessions will be covered by the new doctors and locum doctors.

4 Staff Development

We are pleased to congratulate two of our staff on achieving their goals this summer. Lauren Wainwright has completed her degree in Business Studies and our Practice Nurse Sarah Murray has become a Nurse prescriber. These successes are over and above the ongoing training days and updates carried out by all staff at the surgery. Our two apprentices from this year have also completed their coursework.

We have recruited two new part time staff for reception to cover for staff who have reduced their hours and Lauren who is to provide the manager with much needed additional administration support

5 Surgery Refurbishment

The practice no longer has the opportunity to move to new premises and has applied for funding to start work on redesigning the interior. The funding pot from NHS England is limited and we are looking at bringing together all the administrative functions in one area which will allow the smaller scattered areas currently utilised by admin to be changed into consulting rooms for the doctors and nurses.

The new area will incorporate the porch canopy, a new entrance and utilise an area currently used by the dentist.

The architect plans and internal design drawings were shown to the group and a discussion took place as to what can go where.

As before we are still awaiting confirmation that the funding will be forthcoming and we remain hopeful.

6 Any other business

Disabled Adult changing facilities

There has been a discussion on social media about the lack of adult changing facilities in the area. The new shopping centre does not have such a facility. The requirements are quite specific and may need a hoist and bed. The new surgery plans continue to provide compliance with Disability Discrimination Act but there has been no such provision in the current plans and it is not a requirement for GP surgeries.

Looking locally the nearest provision of such a facility is the Crucible theatre Sheffield. GP appointments are usually ten minutes and longer for those with special needs. The practice does have beds without a hoist but the need is probably for visiting places where a person is staying for a longer period of time.

Morning opening

It was suggested that the practice opens the doors prior to 830am for those with an appointment to be ready for the GP at their appointment time. This is in fact happening but within the last two weeks we have been exceptionally busy with flu vaccinations which can lead to a delay with people accessing the electronic self check in screen.

Date and Time of Next Meeting – March 2018 – actual date to be confirmed