



PPG MEETING MINUTES

Date 2nd May 2013

Attendees: Dr Laxman Ariaraj; Paula Dewhirst; Sally Funston; Lesley Wharton, Health Visitor; Mrs G Abbott; Mr S Barnett and Mrs M Evans

Apologies: Mrs J O'Brien

TOPIC	NOTES	ACTION
Welcome and apologies	Dr Ariaraj welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced Sally to the group, explaining that Carol had now stepped down from the secretarial role. Dr Ariaraj said how grateful he was to Carol for all her help setting up the group.	
Health Visitor	Lesley introduced herself and explained about her role. Health Visitors cover from antenatal at 32 weeks to Under 5's. There are 9 teams across Wirral, with access to a wide range of services including Antenatal Classes, Breastfeeding help, child safety and potty training. The team consists of staff nurses, community nursery nurses and health visitors. There is going to be a new drop in service based at St Caths for Healthy Child. This will be 9.30 – 1 daily and will be a 1to1 service, starting in June. It was agreed that some areas of the community may not be aware of the service provided. The surgery will put up poster promoting them. Lesley also said she would email the advertising for clinics to Sally for distribution.	
Press Statements	Dr Ariaraj discussed recent press statements regarding the GP Commissioning Group. He clarified that the GP's are not receiving pay rises, but key individuals at the head of the organisation were awarded a rise.	
GP Commissioning Group	There are 3 groups on the Wirral. Wirral provides a real challenge as there is a rich/poor divide. There is a Super patient Group, which Mr Ellis did express an interest in joining. Dr Ariaraj offered to find out how to join this group if anyone is interested, and will pass information to Sally. It was also discussed that there is no money available this year for things like in-house physio. The Consortium are looking at bigger projects as in a specified Nursing Home Doctor, and also Lonely Patients.	

A2H	Dr Ariaraj informed the group about the new A2H preventative service which is based here at the practice. They are to help to prevent patients having to be admitted to hospital or be kept in unnecessarily because they would be otherwise unsafe at home, ie they have access to urgent nursing home beds or nurses to give IV antibiotics. Dr Ariaraj will try and arrange for the service to be as guest speaker.	
Patient Survey	Steve Barnett asked about the results from the patient questionnaire earlier in year. This will be done for next meeting. The next survey will be carried out around October 2013.	
Computer System	Dr Ariaraj said how well the new computer system has been working so far, and how smooth the transition from the old system was.	
Meetings	Timings of meetings was discussed, and it was decided that there should still be 4 meetings, but hold 3 in evenings and 1 in the afternoon.	
Elections	Elections for posts are due. Nominations to be received by next meeting – posts are Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary	
Vaccinations	Paula Dewhirst explained vaccinations for shingles will be commencing in September for patients aged 70 and 78. There will be seasonal flu vaccines for preschool children available later in the year – these will be an inhaled vaccine. Rotovirus vaccines will begin in July for babies @ 2mths. Whooping cough is available for pregnant ladies from 28 weeks.	
Other PPGs	It was mentioned that it might be beneficial to see how another PPG meeting works. It was suggested to contact Moreton Health Centre to see if this would be possible, and invite them to ours. Sally to action.	
Advertising	It was also noted that there is a need for posters in the surgery promoting the group and advertising the meeting dates etc. Sally will look into this.	
Car Park	It was suggested that it might be an idea to change the flow of traffic entering and leaving the car park. This followed complaints of traffic entering through the exit and near-misses occurring. This will be taken to the practice meeting and discussed there.	
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be Thursday 1 st August at 6.30pm	