



PPG MEETING MINUTES

Date 1st August 2013

Attendees: Dr Laxman Ariaraj; Sally Funston; Mary Evans; Alison Woods; Vida Wilson; Mary Green; Sydney White; Gill Abbott; Stephen Barnett; Robert Ellis; Rodney Brown; Christine Hume; Bob Giles; Victoria Forrester; Christine Lee and Maggie Johnson

Apologies: Mrs J O'Brien; Lynne Turner and Paula Dewhirst

TOPIC	NOTES	ACTION
Welcome	Dr Ariaraj welcomed everyone to the meeting, and explained the role of the guest speaker.	
A2H	Maggie Johnson introduced herself to the group. She is a Nurse Clinician commissioned by the Commissioning Consortium until 31/3/14. A2H is Alternative 2 Hospital, and consists of 3 nurses, 2 admin staff and 1 Health Care Assistant. The service enables patients to stay in their own homes where possible, or short term Care Home stays, arranging care packages to suit the patient and accessing essential equipment or services. Initially assistance is for 2 weeks, but can go on longer. Maggie explained that it is difficult to access Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy, and that the service has funding to be able to facilitate this. It was decided that a person-friendly leaflet would be beneficial explaining to patients what A2H is, and Maggie kindly said she will get a draft copy of this to Sally to distribute to members of the PPG.	MJ/SF
Doctor/Staff Changes	Dr Ariaraj explained the roles of the current GPs Dr Taylor is Senior Partner. He specialises in Cardiology Dr Arthur's specialities are Orthopaedics, muscular problems and Homeopathy Dr Cullumbine specialises in Gynaecology and contraceptive advice. Dr Ariaraj's specialities are Endoscopy, Child Health, Lead Minor Surgery and is a GP trainer. Also there is Dr Edwards, speciality Kidneys, Dr Williams speciality osteoporosis, and Dr Cox, Dr Fraser and Dr Douglass. There are 4 new registrars joining the practice by the end of the week.	
Patient Survey	The patient survey had not been collated into readable results, Sally said she is in the process of doing this, and will have the results shortly.	SF

Elections	During the last couple of months letters have been sent to the PPG asking for nominations for the following year. It was decided that Dr Ariaraj will remain as Chairperson, Gill Abbott will be Vice Chairperson and Sally Funston will be Secretary.	
Other PPGs	At the last meeting it was decided it may be helpful to attend other PPG groups to see how they are run. Sally went to Moreton Cross Group Practice and found it useful as they seem to come across similar problems to us. For the future the group hope to have a few more members also attend a PPG elsewhere. Victoria Forrester (Practice Manager) and Christine Lee (Reception Manager) from Moreton Cross Group Practice attended our meeting today. Sally will inform the group of the next PPG meeting.	SF
Car Park	At the last meeting it was suggested that it may be beneficial to reverse the flow of the car park at the surgery. After speaking with Dr Arthur we realised this would not be possible due to the direction of the disabled spaces within the car park. Vida Wilson suggested we should lobby the local councillor or Highways Authority for double yellow lines around the surgery, as it is very dangerous when pulling out of the exit due to parked cars. She kindly said she would do this for us.	VW
Advertising/ Internet	The PPG needs to have an eye-catching poster to encourage new members, and it was suggested to ask the 6 th Form College or Wirral Met if there are any design students who could create this. Mary Green will look into this for next meeting.	MG
CQC and PPG – Guide to working together	The group wondered if they faced losing members if they are to be 'inspected' The guide is to be checked over thoroughly before the next meeting and will be discussed at length there.	All
AOB	Alison Woods suggested that it may be beneficial to have other agency involvement such as Citizens Advice Bureau or Benefits advice. This will be looked into for costs etc and could even be run by volunteers.	AW
Next Meeting	Thursday 31 st October @ 6.30pm	