



PPG Meeting, 15th January 2020

1. Present – Jan Lloyd, John West, Gordon Lovell, Angela Lovell, Christine Cartwright, Nigel Vaughan, John Neale, Judith Westall, Fay Read, Vanda Gould, Bob Gould, Jane Hanlon, Steve Bates, Mark Pitman, Clive Robinson, Elspeth Woods, Dr Bunting
2. Apologies – Sheila Dale, Denise Ingall, Ian Graham, Penny Liddiard, Jill Hussein, Bruce Battams
3. Draft minutes. Approved (with correction to Nigel's name).
4. Teresa Wood, Community Paediatric Matron of the Children with Complex needs unit gave a most interesting talk followed by a lively discussion with the group. The unit's work is vital, heart-breaking in many ways but compassionate and dedicated staff provide much needed support to families.

Steve presented Teresa with a small token of our appreciation. It was good to see Teresa stay for the duration of our meeting and actively participate in our discussions.

5. Matters Arising
 - Borders continue to be well maintained
 - Jan confirmed speaker for next meeting as ? (sorry I confused myself here Jane can you help me out??? I had Jodi Spencer (Emily's Star in March then Soroptimist lady in May or June then Someone doing Oral Hygiene?)
 - No suggestions were forthcoming for visits for members – carried over to next meeting – group members to give it some thought
 - Finance – Christine confirmed payment made to the surgery for the monitor. Jane confirmed that Toni Rampello's family had made a sizeable donation to the surgery and were happy for the surgery to take time to think about an appropriate use, perhaps linked to the new surgery /singing group (Jane happy to take this out of the minute if you prefer)
 - Steve reports that he has heard from the PPN that a Nationwide consultation is beginning in June over the latest drugs/procedures being added to the no longer funded list.
6. Steve put forward his wish that a brief newsheet be produced for the PPG Awareness week expected to be in June 2020. Elspeth informed the group that Shona has offered to help other group members and Jane in the production of the newsletter. Her offer was grateful received. Shona will meet with Jane & Steve in the margins of next meeting when she will be taking the notes.

7. Steve expressed his view that he would like the group to think about how we can be more hands on in what we do to help people. There was general agreement to this and a discussion was had around some of the things that are being done already and what else might be achieved. The lack of dedicated accommodation may be a hindrance at the moment but longer term there is much to think about. Jane mentioned specifically the benefits of the Tea and Talk session. Jan passed on that the PPG and Whaddon PPG had been singled out for praise at the Old Person's Partnership (Jane is that right name ??).

Mark raised a valid point over whether members participating in activities should be DBS checked. He agreed to look into this before the next meeting when we can consider whether a policy is required.

8. Surgery update – Not a lot has changed since last meeting re new premises. Jane & Dr Bunting confirmed a new GP Dr Robinson, who will be working on Monday's and some Fridays. Also recruiting for a new full time doctor. Jane confirmed that an advertisement has gone out for a new singing leader. We should still be open to other ideas of engaging help for this. Mention was made of various knitting activities and sewing of squares. There are bags of squares needing to be sewn into blankets for the homeless. Jane also mentioned the Soroptimists were always grateful for donations of toiletries, and even good quality coats and clothes to help with families affected by domestic violence. Any donations can be left at the surgery. (is that right Jane?)

9. Any Other Business.

- The situation at Cobbs Garden is not looking terribly promising – this is a sensitive issue and care to be taken. Steve will update next meeting.
- Brief discussion on A&E performance following some news coverage on long waits countrywide.
- Jane reported that the surgery now has access to a telephone interpreter service – great help to GPs and considerably less costly than face to face.
- The surgery has been “secret shopped” by the CCG (???) They commented positively on the newsletter, patient information folders, monitors in the waiting areas.

10. Dates of next meeting. Core Group 5th February 2020. PPG meeting Tuesday 11th February 2020 at 6.15pm.

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