



**Minutes of the Patient Participation Group Meeting
held on Tuesday, 12th April 2011**

Present:

Graham Perry (Chair), Judith Westell, David Lloyd, Mike Whitehand, Rosi Shunmoogum, Fay Read, Jane Hanlon (Practice Manager), Dr P Staten (GP), Dr Huda Muhsin (GP), Toni Rampello, Maureen Grant, Sylvia Ellwood, John Agnew, Sandra Agnew, Allison Carlton, Betty Moon, Anne Nash, John Needham, Christine Cartwright, Angela Lovell and Gordon Lovell

Apologies:

Bonnie Twynham, Geoff Lee, John Neale, Nigel Vaughan, Robert Lea, Gill Needham

The meeting commenced with the Chair saying how pleased he was with the number of patients attending the meeting.

Adoption of Minutes:

The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting and will be on the PPG website. As there were no queries relating to the minutes they were adopted.

Matters Arising:

1. Spring 2011 Newsletter

Graham mentioned that those present at the meeting have had the opportunity to read the newsletter and copies are available in various parts of the surgery.

A request was received that contributions for future newsletters be kept to a maximum of 200 words.

It was previously decided that copies of the newsletter should be sent to patients who have not been seen during the past 4 years. It was reported that these have not yet been sent as they are awaiting an enclosure from the PPG Chairman, which will be available shortly. They will then be despatched.

(Action: Graham to write enclosure.)

2. Poster directing patients to our PPG notice board

It was reported that David, who has kindly offered to make this, will discuss the poster with Graham.

(Action: Graham to discuss with David.)

3. Fundraising Activities

We have two commitments, a table for games at the West Bletchley Carnival on Saturday, 11 June 2011 and 3 tables at the Midsummer Madness event on Sunday, 26 June where we will sell new and nearly new items, cakes and plants.

Arrangements for these will be discussed at the next Core Group meeting and also discussed more fully at the next PPG meeting. Help will be required with these events and offers of help will be much appreciated.

(Action: Discuss at May Core Group and PPG meetings.)

New and nearly new items for the Midsummer Madness event can be left at the Surgery's Reception or with Jane, Practice Manager.

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Guest Speaker

Guest speaker for the meeting was Fay Grech-Marguerat, who is the Macmillan Information & Support Nurse in Milton Keynes Hospital. Fay gave an extremely interesting talk which included:-

Her training, background and her job within the Macmillan Unit

Information about the Macmillan Unit

The work done by the Macmillan Unit volunteers

Brain storming regarding the emotional roller coaster for patients with cancer

The help and support that is available from Macmillan

Ward 22

Advances in cancer treatment and care

Current affairs in relation to cancer

3-way telephone translation service

Future plans

Fay then invited questions which were expertly answered.

The Chairman thanked Fay for an excellent talk.

(Fay would be happy to come back and speak about any specific topics.)

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Future Guest Speakers

The following suggestions for speakers at future PPG meetings were made and are:-

Speaker from Age UK

Hazel Staten

Speaker to talk about Dementia.

Hypnotherapist

Graham mentioned that the Core Group would put together a programme for future speakers.

(Action: Core Group to put together programme for future speakers.)

GP Update

Dr Staten spoke about the latest developments in the Consortium commenting that no one is sure at present what is happening with GP commissioning. He said it is rather confusing and has been paused temporarily. It is not clear how to get from here to there but he can see how it would work.

It was reported that following the second round of physiotherapy applications, no decision has been made regarding future funding of physiotherapy services. There is some good news and that is that Belinda's contract has been extended until September 2011.

Any Other Business:

Age UK Milton Keynes Annual Discussion Forums 2011

Members of the PPG present were given information on the Age UK Milton Keynes annual discussion forums 2011 which will be held on from 1.45 pm to 4.30 pm on 14th and 16th June 2011 and will include a cream tea. The discussions are run informally in small groups. Those wishing to attend must be over 60 and will need to book by phoning Cathy Irving on 01908 557878 or by emailing cathy.irving@ageukmiltonkeynes.org.uk.

PPG Network meeting hosted by LINK

We were informed of the PPG Network meeting, hosted by LINK, to take place on 13 April 2011 commencing at 5.30 pm. This will be held at Age UK, Peartree Bridge.

Date of Next Meetings:

Core Group meeting: Tuesday, 3rd May 2011 at 12.30 pm

PPG meeting: Tuesday, 10th May 2011 in the upstairs waiting area of the Surgery.

