

Waterhouses Medical Practice (Version 1)

Patient Participation Group (PPG)

Minutes

**of Meeting held on Wednesday, 18th January 2017 at The Surgery,
Waterhouses**

Present: Rachel Overton (Chair), Kate Robotham (Practice Manager), Mrs JB, Mrs AH, Mrs CH, Mr MR, Mrs YP, Mrs BJ

Welcome – Rachel welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies – Yvonne Gouldburn

Minutes of the last Meeting – were read and accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising:-

- **(a) Budget Cuts and Consequences** – Kate informed us that from 2003, Waterhouses Practice had a PMS (Personal Medical Services) contract with NHS England. This enabled the Practice to have extra funding for such items as staffing and Phlebotomy Services. However, due to recent government legislation, the Practice has had to revert to a GMS (General Medical Services) contract. This has meant that the Practice will lose a significant amount of funding to the tune of £60,000 phased over 5 years. This funding did include payment for the phlebotomy service and the Practice is looking at ways to reduce this service without any adverse effect to patients. Some suitable patients will be asked to attend St Oswald's hospital at Ashbourne for routine bloods. They offer a walk-in blood test service every Tuesday and Thursday between 8.30 and 11. The process of how this is to be implemented is ongoing and Kate is speaking to the staff to make sure this transition is as smooth as possible. Phlebotomy will still be available for patients who have mobility or transport issues, urgent bloods and require chronic disease monitoring. Kate has already spoken to the CCG enquiring about possible in-house phlebotomy services for the future but this has not yet been secured.
- **(b i) Update on Newsletter and the PPG inclusions** – Kate had organised the Newsletter which gave out the results of the PPG Questionnaire and Rachel will be adding the PPG information to this before it is printed out.
- **(b ii) Update on the Surgery Staffing Levels** – Kate informed the meeting that since new advertisements had gone out for a GP/Partner instead of a salaried GP, there had been two applicants. She was very pleased to report that Dr Ziad Tukmachi was the successful candidate and will be commencing in April working Mondays to begin with and working up to three sessions per week.
- **(c) National Association of PPG's** – Kate and Rachel to look into this to justify the £50 charge.
- **(d) Moorlands Rural & Werrington Patient Locality Group**
Rachel confirmed that the My Care My Way was to have a second consultation phase at the beginning of this year. Guest speakers were to be invited to forthcoming meetings and could include Judy Samuel who is the member co-ordinating the 111 service and Anna Collins. New meeting rooms were to be arranged as Cheadle

Hospital was no longer available and Cheadle Fire Station was thought to be a possible venue.

Any Other Business

- a) Cheadle Hospital Closure and the role of the CCG – There was to be a second consultation at the beginning of this year. Details will be sent out by the CCG.
- b) Dementia Meeting – Ongoing
- c) PPG Members Information – Contact Details
All email details were up to date. The PPG now have 7 active and 10 non active members.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 15th March 2017 at 1pm at The Surgery.