

Robert Frew Patient Partnership Group
Minutes of 61st Meeting Held 15th June 2015
At The Robert Frew Medical Centre

Present

	Chair
Lesley Cogan	Vice Chair
Alan Ursell	Treasurer
Jean Ursell	Secretary

Jacqueline Coleman, Carol Groves, John Langley, Joan Nutley, Dr Tony Ogunsanya, Mike Prior, Janet Whitaker, Allison Whyte.

The meeting commenced at 6.45pm.

61/01 Apologies

Apologies were received from Tony Burr, Amanda Chapman, Sarah Tilden and Gareth Williams.

The committee were sorry to hear of Alan Bedingham's death. A card expressing our condolences to be sent to his wife and family.

Dr Tam was unable to make this meeting.

61/02 Minutes from last meeting and matters arising

60/03 should read the CCG are aware of the problem but area level are *not* taking it on board.

The minutes were then accepted as a true record and signed accordingly.

61/03 Wickford housing developments update

Everyone has seen the letters Tony sent to Andrew Pike and the response, but nothing heard yet about arranging a meeting with Tom Abell. Tony asked to chase if nothing is heard soon.

The chair of another PPG has written to Chelmsford council and there is a requirement to pay £120,000 to Chelmsford Council for the Runwell site; it is not known if Basildon has applied for a share of the money.

61/04 Patient information rack

A person comes every 3 months and is a NHS employee so all information should have been approved. Ally wishes to meet the person and will then get back to us. In the meantime Carol will keep an eye on it

61/05 Report from SEMC Locality Patient Group meeting and hierarchy structures

There was a presentation from the lead on prescribing and he has offered to come and see us. John to arrange, possibly for the September meeting. The final forecast for last year is for an overspend of £3.6 million and £10 million for next year (including the £3.6 million).

Basildon hospital hope to build a pharmacy by the outpatients dept. so that the

current pharmacy can concentrate on the in-patients needs. May be run by Boots.
Support DVDs on dementia friends and dying matters in production and hope to be out soon.
John gave out handouts of the systems hierarchy and explained his handouts. Housing developments discussed at KEG and the corporate development manager wants to offer his assistance. No meeting has been arranged yet. John to send e-mail to Tom Abell, with cc to Alison Reeve, asking when can get together.

61/06 Defibrillator

The letter to other surgeries is written, just need to find out who to send it to. Decided to address it to the senior partner and see what happens.

61/07 Nomination of officers

AGM is next month. The position of PEG representative should be formalised. Everyone said they would be willing to stand again with Lesley volunteering to be Chair. Jackie said she was willing to be vice chair.

61/08 A.O.B.

61/08.01 Tony says that the report in the paper about the NHS sorting out patients who are costing too much is scaremongering as the NHS is free at source and so can't be limited. It would be too much work for GPs.

61/08.02 The hit squad coming to Essex was discussed at board as there is an inherent problem with budgets. It is done at present as part of the turnaround but there is hope that if it happens there may be more money for the area.

61/08.03 There was a problem with no pens in reception. The receptionists do not supply their own pens and there are ample upstairs for them. Ally to look into problem.

61/08.04 Patient Partner was presented to the partners a couple of weeks ago and are still awaiting an answer as the decision has to be made by all the partners (is a 5 year financial commitment). Mike to e-mail bullet points to Tony to help.

61/08.05 Physio services problems taken to KEG who are treating them as complaints. Many other GPs are complaining about the service (Basildon hospital won the contract and sub contracted it out to Connect). Karen Weston is the commissioning manager of the CCG and maybe she could be asked to come and speak to us.

61/08.06 Thanks go to Tony for paying this year's NAPP membership.

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Signed as a true copy of the meeting:

Chair