

Albrighton Patients' Group

Minutes of the Meeting held 22nd March 2016 at 6.30pm

1. Present: - Valerie Eastup; Richard Shaw; Dr. Bird; Len Warrilow; Gill Sower; Jennifer Sharpe; Ann Burgess; Mary Hancox; Harriet Wood;

Apologies: Sylvia Pledger; Jenny Thomas; Sophia Sankey

2. The notes of the meeting held 19th January 2016 were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Virtual Group. The Chairman explained that during further consideration of the proposal from the last meeting of a live communication with "Virtual Members" by e-mail, that questions of patient confidentiality may arise which may cause problems for the Practice. He had therefore decided that this avenue for extending membership and participation in the Patients' Group should be abandoned for the present. Off Agenda.

3.2 FutureFit. There was no change in the current situation whilst rearrangements within the CCG were continuing.

3.3 CoCo. Gill Sower reported that Albrighton Vicar, Mary Wade, will be speaking at the Annual Parish Meeting in April about services and help available to residents. Gill will be contacting her to ask that she include reference to CoCo. Julie Alanthwaite, Practice Community and Care Co-ordinator, is to be asked to contact Mary Wade and appraise her of the help and assistance that she can provide. Julie is also to be asked to compile a leaflet of contacts and telephone numbers from whom patients can seek various types of support services. Eg. CAB, Age UK, CRUSE, as well as numbers for the Surgery and Shrop Doc. Recruitment of new volunteers for CoCo is to be pursued through talking to various local groups instead of considering a single public meeting.

3.4 Challenge Fund Initiative. As reported at the last meeting the system of additional late night and weekend appointments is operating quietly. No take-up figures are available.

The central telephone number is **0333 2226649**

3.5 Alzheimer's Society. A visit by a member of the Alzheimer's Society is being arranged

3.6 Care Quality Commission Visit. The Commission report classified the Practice as Outstanding. Dr. Bird thanked members of the PG who participated for their help. One or two administrative items need to be addressed. The full report is available through the Practice web site.

3.7 Beacon Charity. Harriet Wood reported that although the weather had obviously affected attendance, the event was well attended and the Charity requested that another visit be arranged for some future date. The Chairman thanked Harriet for arranging the event.

4. External Meeting Reports

Once again Gill Sower presented a comprehensive report covering her diverse activities since the last meeting. A copy is attached to these minutes.

5. Treasurers Report.

Treasurer Gill Sower and the Chairman are to arrange a meeting with Sylvia Pledger to establish bank account details and signatures

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Staff News. Two new doctors have been employed. Dr. Yahaha and Dr. Tiley.

6.2 Pharmacy Closures and changes to prescribing procedures. It is understood that in order to save money the NHS England is proposing the closure of a number of prescribing pharmacies and the establishment of a smaller number of regional or area hubs. Two scenarios are envisaged. One where the prescription is forwarded electronically to the hub from the surgery and then passed back to a nominated pharmacy and a second where the hub will also make up the prescription. How the medicine gets to the patient and what time delay is involved is unknown.

Richard Shaw undertook to write to MP Mark Pritchard expressing our concern as to the affect of these proposals on the residents of Albrighton.

7 Date of Next Meeting. **This will be held Tuesday 7th June 2016 at 6.30PM at the Surgery**

A tentative date for the following meeting was set as 9th August.

Richard Shaw, 3rd April 2016