**Patient Participation Group**

**Minutes of the Meeting 6.30pm Tuesday 19th September 2017**

**PPG Members** **Practice representatives**

Graham Mansfield (GM) Dr Claire Harris (CH)

Jill Thackray (JT) Laura Scott-Lead Secretary (LS)

John Thackray (JT\*)

Barbara Worrall (BW)

Michael Worrall (MW) **Apologies**

Sharon Bilbey (SB) Ian Kirkdale (IK)

Cheryl Smith (CS) Thomas Turner (TT)

 Edward Jolley (EJ)

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| **Ref** | **Discussion** |
| **1** | **Welcome, introductions & apologies**Dr Harris welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made and apologies noted. |
| **2** | **Minutes of the last meeting / matters arising*** MW queried the helipad as it was noted in the last meeting that helicopters were still landing on the rugby pitch. *From looking online it looks like the helipad is not quite ready but should be ready to use from early 2018.*
* GM confirmed that Medilink is free for people who had a card or a Nottingham City bus pass. If they have a Nottingham County bus pass then it is free one way only.
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| **3** | **Extension Update**CH commented that the extension was under way and the building team had broken ground and done the foundations, we also had some walls being built. GM asked if this was the new pharmacy and CH confirmed that the very end of the new building is going to be the pharmacy. They will have separate fitters to fit the inside of the pharmacy and the surgery end and the final phase would be to break into the current waiting room and the front end be re-modelled and current nurses rooms re-modelled so when this part happens will be when the current building is most disrupted as they will need to use other rooms. GM asked if reception was staying the same and CH confirmed the waiting area was but the store room and old phlebotomy room would be knocked through and a corridor made into the new build, at the moment we don’t think there will be an internal door to the pharmacy. GM also asked what was happening to the clinician’s rooms that we have now and CH confirmed they would be staying the same structurally but would be ‘tarted up.’ To re-model the existing rooms would cause much more disruption and we wouldn’t gain that much from them as there is a newer set of criteria for rooms having to be a certain size etc. GM also asked about a proposed end date and CH confirmed it would be about 6 months from starting it so hopefully early next year. JT asked with regards to the car park for staff being extended but CH confirmed it would just be the building and that we aren’t able to use the car park at the minute so have been finding alternative parking, Sainsbury’s have let us have 6 spaces. GM asked if the extension was due to the amount of patients registered and the need for more space, CH confirmed it was partly because of that partly so we can run other services from our site as we have the Heart Failure Nurses who run a clinic once a week from here etc. GM also asked if we were ok with the amount of GPs we have at the minute and CH confirmed that presently were are ok but we may work towards an MDT of people such as prescribing nurses as our nurses aren’t able to prescribe however NHS seems to struggle to recruit and there are a lot of posts available. CH mentioned that the two locum GPs we have to cover Dr Johns maternity leave both work elsewhere, one in Chesterfield and one at NEMS but it does mean they bring a mix of skills to us.  |
| **4** | **PRG***No feedback available as TT sent his apologies* |
| **5** | **AOB*** SB mentioned that she had seen that they were trying to make hospitals more wellbeing places with regards to nutrition and not a place to cure sickness due to the great rise in obesity. GM also commented that it is a crisis which can bring the NHS down so they are trying to be proactive. CH commented that we now have a service called ‘Changepoint’ which is targeted at exercise and nutrition which helps to tackle not only obesity but other health problems as well. Changepoint is there with the idea that drugs are not always the answer but the obesity epidemic is getting worse. Nottingham City surgeries can refer to slimming world so patients get a discount for a certain amount of time but that isn’t available to us. Changepoint is arguably physio for obesity like you would be referred for knee pain. However GPs do find that these schemes don’t cost as much to run operatively but can go under quickly if funding is pulled, but it is proactive as cheaper to prevent then to cure. GM mentioned that there was an interesting article on young offenders in that a good school would cost £50,000 a year however a young offender in prison would cost £105,000 a year so it would be more proactive to send to a good public school when they first start to offend. BW mentioned that the NHS was originally set up as prevention service but it has now gone more the other way to being a way to cure illness etc.
* Flu jabs-these are now in stock and we have two clinics 30/09/17 & 14/10/17 9-10:30am but we have started them opportunistically. GM mentioned he received a text a few weeks ago inviting to book in.
* CH mentioned that Dr Johns had a baby girl in July. GM conveyed good wishes from everyone.
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|  | **Date of next meeting and close** Graham Mansfield, Chair, thanked everyone for attending. The next meeting will be on:**Tuesday 7th November 18:30** |