

Meeting with Garswood Patient Group

18 August 2009

In attendance:

Mr D Chesworth
Mrs R Chesworth
Mr L Harrison
Mrs L Halliwell
Mrs S Greenwood
Dr John Holden

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr W Billington, Mr J Rice, Dr J White, Cllr S Murphy, Mr K Cleary, Mrs S Cleary

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2009 were agreed

Patient List Update

The patient list had increased to 3,660 demonstrating a steady rise in new patients joining the practice.

Signage Update

There was no progress in this regard. Sharon Greenwood agreed to chase this up.

Patient Access to Medical Centre

The group suggested that it would be helpful if there was direct pathway access from the main road to the front doors of the medical centre so that patients did not need to walk past the building onto the car park in order to access the centre.

Sharon Greenwood advised that the original planning application for the centre had included a pathway from the main doors onto the road, however, the planning consent had been quite specific in so far as a pathway was definitely not acceptable on the grounds of safety and the plans had needed to be re-submitted to address this. This was the reason that the Local Parish Council had agreed to allow the installation of pavement access from the front part of the car park onto the front of the primary care centre.

Flu Campaign 2009/10 and Pandemic Flu

Dr Holden advised that the practice was likely to suffer higher than usual patient demand due to the outbreak of Swine Flu and that an immunization for Swine Flu was awaited. The date for receipt of the Swine Flu immunizations was not known but it was expected that they would be available for administration with the Seasonal Influenza Campaign which was due to commence late September.

The group was consulted on a proposal to hold weekend 'drop-in' clinics for administering the flu vaccines this year. A number of practices had given flu vaccines this way in previous years and it was alleged to be an efficient way of vaccinating as many vulnerable patients as early as possible in the flu season.

The patient group agreed that this was probably useful, particularly during this Pandemic year. If the trial proved successful consideration would be given to using this system in future years.

Date & Time of Next Meeting

It was proposed that the next meeting be scheduled for December 2009