**Patient Participation Group**

**Meeting**

5th October at Park Road

Present: FP,IT,CH,NH,JA,JG,JLB,BG,CD,JD,AD,

Apologies:AB,DW,PW,RH

PW and RH have both resigned from PPG.

Minutes from last meeting were agreed with a small amendment NH had attended but was not included in minutes.

FP fed back information from last CCG meeting attended by AB, she went on to explain about federations, how they were set up, how working as a group to keep sevices local and give us a local voice.

We have a contract for Dermatology, ABM will offer this service.

17 Practices have joined a bid for Pharmacist Scheme.

We may in the future make a bid for Cardiology.

FP, IT and senior practice nurse CC had met with district nurses to talk through their new contract. collaborate working for competencies. District nurses have recruited HCAs to do blood tests. Patients should see no difference in their care but may see different nurses for different needs.

FP had to leave for another meeting, IT then went on to give a flu update, we are running drop in clinics on 4 Saturdays in October 3,10,17,24 an hour at each site. The first Saturday was well attended and 200 flu were given across both sites. New this under 18s will be given a nasal vaccine, previously only under 5s.

IT explained the new telephone system we are getting will enable prescriptions from both sites to be received and processed at one site, by a prescription clerk, thus freeing up reception staff.

IT explained EPS.

CH gave PHC update, PHC and PPG members were helping with refreshments at the flu clinics, and asking patients to fill in family and friends questionnaires also chatting to patients about the groups we are running. We have been going about a year now and will be losing the central help we had and will be running independently from November.