**Friarwood Surgery P.P.G. Meeting 27th September 2016**

**Present:** Kevin Duggan - (Practice Manager), Dr E de Dombal (GP), John Nye (Chair) Betty Briddon, Sonia Atkin, Gaynor Fletcher, Janet Hardisty, Maram Nabahin, Ian & Barbara Brown, Ann Jones, Ian Thompson, Jenna Oldfield(Guest Speaker)

**Apologies:**

1. **Introduction & apologies –** Chair thanked all for attending etc.
2. **CCG Waste Management Team:** Guest speaker Jenna Oldfield (JO) gave an overview of what the waste management team do and what they are trying to achieve. JO described the service as offering high level support to GP practices and that they are in post to improve patient safety and increase cost effectiveness of prescribing. JO announced a change that our CCG have approved, this is that from 1/11/16 Community Pharmacies will no longer be able to order prescriptons for patients, this must be done by patients themselves via their surgeries. It was suggested that this would probably save up to £3million per year as it would cut down on over ordering of patient prescriptions. IB asked what happens to the recovered waste drugs, JO replied they have to be destroyed. JO discussed the ways patients can order their prescription but suggested that the easiest way was for more patients to sign up for online ordering of prescriptions. IT asked if our practice had been positive around online ordering, JO responded that Friarwood had the most online users of any surgery in Wakefield so our patients were already ahead of the game. JO commented that practices would be asked to produce lists of patients who they felt still needed the assistance of pharmacies to help them order their prescriptions, guidance would be sent out to practices in the near future with the criteria to help practices produe the lists. GF asked about care homes ordering for patients, JO responded that their team would work with the care homes and would also ask the care home managers to help take control of ordering. JO reiterated that this change was to help improve patient safety and any savings generated would be reinvested into patient care.
3. **Minutes of last meeting** – Last month’s minutes were approved
4. **Practice Updates –** KD updated group that we had appointed another new salaried GP (Dr Fiona Robins) who would be working three days a week (Weds - Fri). Dr Robins was still waiting for clearance from our local resgistration authority to be able to practice in the Wakefield area as she has recently moved from the North East. It is hoped that this will be sorted by early November so she can officially join us.
5. **Feedback from Network Meeting :** JN fedback on improvements to the apppointments system at MYHT and on a presentation which he will share with the group at a later date.
6. **Updates on St Mary’s Community Anchor:** JN commented on the range of courses that St Marys were currently offering.
7. Meeting was closed at 8pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 25th October 2016.