

Friarwood Surgery P.P.G. Meeting **30th September 2014**

Present: Kevin Duggan- (Practice Manager), Dr Linda Dale (G.P). John Nye (Chair) Brian Chappell, Jeff Allinson, Lynda Bowker, Sonia Atkin, Gordon Mullis, Barbara Brown, Ian Brown, Janet Hardisty, Mike McKee

Apologies: Betty Bridden, Ann Jones, Anne Tollick, Mike Skidmore.

1. **Introduction** – Chair thanked all for attending and noted new attenders
2. **Minutes of last meeting.** JN asked if anybody had any matters arising, none were recorded so the minutes were asked to be approved and seconded by the group.
3. **Updates from Surgery:** KD informed the group of the proposed cuts to the contract budgets of all the 34 PMS practices in the Wakefield area. KD went on to explain what a PMS (personal medical services) contract was and how it differed from a GMS (general medical services) contract. NHS England have proposed cuts to all PMS contracts to equalise the payments with GMS contracts but as KD explained this would mean that some services which were delivered by Friarwood under a PMS contract (extra services to the GMS contract) could be stopped due to the 13% cut in our budget. KD also explained that the LMC (local medical council) who represent the local GPs are going to hold talks with NHS England on behalf of the 34 Wakefield PMS so they can understand and negotiate the impact of these cuts. The LMC are asking that we seek the support of our patients so they understand that nearly £4million of funding is going to disappear from the Wakefield District and this could mean the equivalent of losing 38 local GPs or 95 local practice nurses within the next 4 years. BB asked what the group can do to help and KD asked if the group can contact their local MPs, local newspapers, radio stations, start petitions etc. It was suggested that a letter could be drafted that we could ask patients to sign and that we should look into starting an online petition. KD to follow this up with the LMC as it may be better if there was a coordinated response from all the GP practices affected. The group agreed to actively assist the practice in seeking the support of all our patients to help fight these savage cuts that will ultimately affect local patient care
4. **Updates from CCG AGM & PPG Network meetings:** JN gave updates of meetings he has attended on behalf of the practice. JN informed the group

that Wakefield CCG have been nominated for consideration of an award by the HSJ (health service journal) which was something to be proud of. JN also mentioned the launch on 'Our Street' on the 16th October and went on explain what the concept was saying it was closely linked to care 'closer to home' pilots currently taking place in some parts of the district. JN explained that our street were animated caricatures of patients from different age groups which would show how health services are delivered to them. JN also mentioned ordinary people had been filmed in Wakefield town centre being asked if they were happy with local NHS services and the response was very positive. JN then offered feedback from the quarterly PPG network meeting, including a new monthly patient survey called Friends & Family test that all GP practice are supposed to be reporting on from Dec 14. JN also circulated to the group another survey that has been requested about the Patient Transport Service.

5. **Any other business:** GM asked if the surgery had looked into the number of home visits currently undertaken, KD replied that this had been done and this information had be used to help set up a pilot for Nursing/Care home visits that our ANPs were doing but there was a meeting tomorrow to discuss if this could be rolled out for all the network practices to participate in. GM also asked if the practice had reviewed the new automated telephone service yet, KD replied that this would take place when the system had been in place for 6 months with a view to making any required tweaks to the service.

The next meeting will be on 28th October 2014.