

Newbold Surgery Patients Participation Group

Minutes of the Meeting 7th December 2017

Persons present:- Rachael Carrington, Peter Bestwick, Sue Jenkinson, Kathryn Evans, Judy and Barrie Shelbourne, Marilyn and Robert Hay, Sheila and Derek Hand, David Jackman and Sue and Bob Goodwin.

Apologies:- Alan Wood, Pauline Sissons and Trudy Allen.

Minutes of last meeting:- Kathryn told the group that Flu Day had raised a total of £510.42 of which £132.00 was presented to the Macmillan Trust as part of their Coffee Morning. Together with the sale of books the group now had £2141.13 in the funds. A discussion followed on what we could use the money for, the group is already committed to purchase 2 new high seat chairs for the waiting room but Rachael is to investigate whether the 2 present chairs can be recovered. Rachael was asked if the waiting room could have more chairs with arms fitted, over time they have been moved around the surgery but the cleaners would be asked to redistribute the chairs as intended.

Peter explained that the NHS has now put in place initiatives to reclaim expenses for treating foreign nationals.

The proposed extension to the surgery was due in the Planning Committee on Monday 11-12-2017 and it is hoped it will be approved at this time. Rachael explained that due to the way the funding is to be provided over 2 financial years, there was now a problem in securing this years funding as the building work is unlikely to start before April 2018 and negotiations are ongoing to make sure the extension goes ahead.

Sue Jenkinson reported that the Consultant advice system reported in the last meeting has had to be changed for a 'call back' system as the Consultants are not always able to take calls directly.

Any Other Business :- Barrie asked if there had been any progress on the 24 hour blood pressure monitors but Rachael said she would find out for the next meeting.

Sue Jenkinson told the group about 'Care 100' a shop on Chatsworth Road specialising in helpful aids, she explained that they were willing to attend groups to explain their products. A discussion followed with most of the group agreeing that the meetings were unrushed without regular speakers but there may be times when information was required that only an external speaker could provide.

Date of next meeting :- Thursday 15th.February 2018 at 6.30pm.

The meeting was then adjourned for the Christmas celebration.