**MINUTES OF CASKGATE STREET SURGERY PPG AGM & QUARTERLY MEETING**

**11th February 2020**

**PRESENT**: K. Thompson, S. Horner-Glister, S. Thorpe, T. Juhos, K. Rawson, P. Steadman,

B. Marriott, D. Heppenstall.

**APOLOGIES:** C. Belton.

Minutes of our previous AGM held on 5th February 2019 were approved.

**ELECTION:**  Keith Thompson was re-elected as Chairman & Secretary.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**QUARTERLY MEETING:**

Minutes of our previous quarterly meeting held on 1st October 2019 were approved.

DNAs – October 282, November 263, December 250, January 240. The number of missed appointments appears to be getting worse!

Fundraising – Keith confirmed that a total of £2290 has been raised so far, Macmillan £300, Marie Curie £300, St Barnabas £400 and the surgery £1000. Pam confirmed that a mobile blood pressure monitor has been purchased and thanked the group. Keith to arrange a piece in the press. We plan to support the Scotter Ward, John Coupland hospital in Gainsborough this year. Our continued thanks go to our reception staff for helping with donations and books.

Gainsborough regeneration – Thirteen sites are earmarked to build 750 new homes with a vision to increase the population of Gainsborough to 30000 by 2036! This will undoubtedly put more pressure on our surgeries and we are yet to see a plan to provide more healthcare facilities. Our patient number has already increased by 862 in the last 5 years giving a total of 11368 patients with four and a half GPs to cover them.

Coronavirus – Described as ‘'Serious and Imminent Threat to Public Health' with over 1000 deaths to date from 43000 confirmed cases, the projected fatality rate is 2%. The advice to us in the UK is to call 111 if we suspect we have the symptoms and self isolate. To put this into perspective, we lose 10000 patients each year in the UK to our seasonal flu.

New members – Keith has tried to recruit some younger members to the group to get a different perspective on matters arising but unfortunately no one has taken up the offer!

2020 Meeting dates – Tue 12th May, Tue 4th August, Tue 3rd November, Tue 2nd February 2021.

AOB

National survey – A recent study involving over 1500 doctors in the UK found that almost one third of them admitted to being ‘burnt out’ and one quarter of them were experiencing secondary traumatic stress. Health professionals from emergency medicine and general practice appeared to be most at risk!

Q. Why can’t blood samples be taken at the surgery to eliminate the need to go to John Coupland hospital?

A. We don’t have a spare room or staff available to do it and we are helping to keep the facility going at JCH.

Meeting closed at 18.45

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 12th May at 18.00, Caskgate Street Surgery.