**MINUTES OF CASKGATE STREET SURGERY PPG MEETING**

**9th May 2017**

**PRESENT**: K. Thompson, S. Horner-Glister, S. Thorpe, B. Marriott, C. Belton, K. Rawson, M. Dawber.

**APOLOGIES:** P. Steadman, T. Juhos, D. Seymour.

The minutes of our previous meeting held on 7th February 2017 were approved.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

DNAs – April 166 – the number appears to be increasing with no easy solution?

How can we help to reduce this number??

GP replacement – no luck with recruiting anyone yet!

Surgery campaign starting to identify carers – they may be partners or young family members?

Question raised about GPs not being able to refer patients directly to a specialist so the decision would be made by a panel who decide if it's necessary???

Mental Heath awareness week is very much in the news, it was reported in the news that possibly 3 children in every class may be suffering with some form of mental health – Carol suggested that at least one teacher in every school should be trained in mental health to some degree.

Fundraising – The bookstall is still doing well with £280 collected so far, special thanks to reception staff for collecting money, keeping the table stocked and managing the books donated. Police say the theft of the collection tin is ‘unresolved’!!

The Rotary Club offered to make a donation to our fundraising, they recently donated £700 to QEHS for books! The surgery needs to decide what to purchase so I can go back to them soon or we may miss out.

The group felt they would like more direction in terms of what they can help with and be more involved. There has been no response to the pieces in The Gainsborough Life or Standard asking if anyone is interested in joining us?

The group send Ella Seymour their best wishes following her lengthy ill health.

Meeting closed at 18.50

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 1st August at 18.00, Caskgate Street Surgery.