Kiveton Park Primary Care Centre Patient Participation Group Wednesday 19th June 2019

Attendees: Keith Emsden, Barry Winterbottom, Alicia Higgins, Ron Law, Dorothy Bradley, Jean Hirst, Dr Ullah, Marsha Raynes, Heather Emsden, Sandra Williams, Debbie Coates, Becky Clowes, Sarah Moxon.

Apologies: Helen Greer-Waring, Lewis Coates, Stephen Bradley.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Keith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of May Meeting Approved

The minutes were approved.

3. Any Matters Arising

All covered on the agenda.

4. Treasurer's Report

A bench has been purchased at a cost of £133.95. This leaves the balance at £642.38.

5. Vice Chair/Secretary's Report

None.

6. Update From Rotherham PPG Network Meeting - Sandra

At the meeting the question of who pays and who doesn't pay for prescriptions was discussed.

Kiveton Surgery falls under the Rother Valley South area which currently has the highest number of patients. At the PPG meeting there were discussions about having a clinical director in each area. It was also discussed about working with other surgeries within the areas.

People who attended the meeting were given some questions to answer on antidepressants - however the questions were impossible to answer without the relevant knowledge on antidepressants.

They discussed about all the PPG members having badges and about having appointments available that work around patients' lives.

Since the previous meeting there have been volunteers in place at Rotherham hospital helping anyone who made require assistance into the building.

There is also a Healthy Rotherham meeting on the 3rd July at New York Stadium - 9am start. This will then be followed by the annual CCG meeting.

7. News from the Surgery

The Macmillan Coffee Morning will be held on the 13th September.

Also the flu dates for Harthill and Kiveton are the 21st or 28th September - these dates are to be confirmed.

The surgery would like to remind patient's that there is a 48 hour turn around for prescriptions.

Kiveton will also be going live with Electronic Prescribing soon.

8. Guest Speaker - Sarah Moxon - Sign Language

Sarah is an interpreter for sign language. She explained that sign language isn't an international language, meaning that sign language in England will be different to the sign language in Spain. Not only is it different between different countries but there are some region differences - even as close as Sheffield and Chesterfield. Sign language was first recognised as a language in 2003.

Interpreters of sign language are very important. For example, in health they are vital as the medical practitioner must get all the information from the patient. However, in some cases, an interpreter isn't always available.

To become an interpreter you must get a degree and then do a postgraduate degree in interpreting. Once you have completed the postgraduate degree you must then register as a trainee and then pass a series of exams, in order to qualify. You must then register, have a DBS check and get insurance. Once all this is completed you will be given a yellow badge.

Sarah then gave the group some sheets of the alphabet in sign language. The group each used these sheets to spell their names.

Keith thanked Sarah on behalf of the group.

9. Date of next Meeting – Wednesday 17th July 2019

At the next meeting Lewis is going to give a talk on managing stress. Dorothy also sends her apologises for the next meeting.

10. Any Other Business

None.

The meeting closed at 7:10pm.