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 **Mid Essex CCG**

**Dr Mohanty & Partner / Douglas Grove Surgery Patient Participation Group**

**Tuesday 13th December 19.30-21.00**

**Held at Douglas Grove Surgery**

**Present**

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| **Neil Coughlan** | **Chairman/Patient – Dr Mohanty & Partners** |
| **Tina Townsend** | **Deputy Chair/ Patient – Dr Mohanty & Partners** |
| **Marie Venkatasawmy** | **Practice Manager – Dr Mohanty & Partners** |
| **Jocelyn Fehmi**  | **Senior Administrator – Dr Mohanty & Partners** |
| **Laura Small**  | **Administrator – Dr Mohanty & Partners** |
| **Anne Charles** | **Patient – Dr Mohanty & Partners** |
| **Tracey Uden** | **Reception Manager – Douglas Grove Surgery** |
| **Toni Hull** | **Practice Manager – Douglas Grove Surgery**  |
| **David Wren**  | **Patient – Douglas Grove** |
| **Philip Barlow**  | **BDC / Town Council / Patient – Douglas Grove** |
| **Martin Royal** | **Estates Manager / Programme Director** |

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| **1.** | **Apologies** |
|  | Pauline Wren, Margaret Mott, Tracey Jobson, Ian McPherson, Jackie McPherson, Janet Butler |
| **2.** | **Welcome and Introductions** |
|  | NC – Warm welcome to Martin Royal for coming to update us on the ‘Super Surgery’.  |
| **3.** | **New ‘Proposed’ Witham Super Surgery - Martin Royal**  |
|  | **MR** informed us of his background having been an NHS Manager and Programme Director prior to his retirement, and was involved in the Sudbury build to merge surgeries. The Witham scheme he is now working on is to merge four practices into one, identify the site and size and take it forward. He stated that we could not be forced to merge, and all four practices had to agree. The two sites currently in the running are the NHS building in Collingwood Road and the bottom end of the Newlands Red River Retail. Nothing has been agreed as yet. Braintree District Council have £3m to invest. Business case to be finalised by July 2017 with an 18 month build phase. Mr Royal will send us the project document approved by NHSE 14.12.16.**PB** advised he has been involved trying to get better health services for Witham for many years. Witham being the worst served with no support. Witham will have a 20.7% population growth and we now need guarantees of new services.The group were in agreement that the bus service / access to town / parking needed to be addressed further. **MV** had concerns that we would be forced to merge and this in turn would mean staff cutbacks.  |
| **4.** | **Christmas Open Day** |
|  | **LS** – Updated the group on the Christmas open day. They raised a total of £280 towards the practice purchasing a new 24hr blood pressure machine. |
| **5.** | **Fruit Donation** |
|  | **TT -** Showed the group a photo of MV and LS with the fruit Tesco donate for the patients having fasting blood tests. |
| **6.** | **NC** –Ended the meeting with a thank you to Martin Royal for his very informative update. |
|  | **Thank you all for coming and attending - it is much appreciated.****It’s all about the GP Practice’s and patients working and coming together to improve our local services.** |
| **7.** | Date of next meeting will be: **Tuesday 17th January 19.00pm –21.00pm at Witham Health Centre - look forward to seeing you!** Nibbles and refreshments will be provided. |