**Mid Essex CCG**

**Dr Mohanty & Partner Patient Participation Group**

**Tuesday 22nd November 19.30-21.30**

**Witham Health Centre**

**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** |
| **Tracey Jobson** | **Patient – Dr Mohanty & Partners** |
| **Anne Charles** | **Patient – Dr Mohanty & Partners** |
| **Ian McPherson** | **Patient – Dr Mohanty & Partners** |
| **Jackie McPherson** | **Elderly mother Patient - Dr Mohanty & Partners** |
| **Toni Hull** | **Practice Manager – Douglas Grove Surgery** |
| **Pauline Wren** | **Patient – Douglas Grove** |
| **David Wren** | **Patient – Douglas Grove** |
| **Janet Butler** | **Patient – Douglas Grove** |

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| **1.** | **Apologies** |
|  | Rachel Evans, Morris Timberlake, Jeanette Johnson, Linda Thomas, Olive Bryan, Catherine Lloyd and Marion Findley |
| **2.** | **Welcome and Introductions** |
|  | MV – Warm Welcome to the patients and Practice Manager from Douglas Grove for joining us at our Patient Participation Group meeting.  MV – Expressed her excitement around the 2 PPG’s coming together to discuss how they would like to see healthcare in Witham be delivered. |
| **3.** | **Minutes from Previous Meeting** |
|  | NC – Opened the meeting running through what was discussed at the last meeting and giving the new patients to the group an overview from the results of the PPG Medical Services Questionnaire which was discussed by Dr Mohanty’s PPG at the October Meeting. |
| **4.** | **New ‘Proposed’ Witham Super Surgery - Discussion** |
|  | **NC** - Spoke to the group regarding recent discussions with current and ex- councilors regarding the proposed Super Surgery and what their thoughts were. There was a long discussion about what people had heard and a list was put together detailing the guarantees and objectives that we would need to gain from Mr. Royal before we could consider supporting the implementation of a super surgery in Witham  The new surgery should offer the following:   * Guarantees that services are maintained, improved and expanded to meet the needs of a fast growing town. * It should provide additional services locally i.e. Oncology, mental health, minor accidents etc. * As local bus services are currently being cut, the whole question of access to the new surgery needs to be adequately addressed. * Its creation must be based on clinical need for local residents and not on attempts to save money. * The GPs must retain their operating independence – and be able to use and maintain their staff as they currently do. * It should not be used as a route to privatization either now, or in the future. * Any new super surgery must be of benefit to all stake holders – not any one particular interest group. |
| **4.** | **Christmas Open Day / Christmas Raffle** |
|  | **LS** – Updated the group on how the planning for the Christmas open day was going, raffle has been popular and over £175 has already been raised and this will go towards the practice purchasing a new 24hr blood pressure machine.  **PW** – Douglas Grove offered to set up a stall promoting the stroke unit at St Peters Hospital and this was gratefully accepted.  **TJ/NC** – Offered their help on the day and this too was gratefully accepted. |
| **5.** | **Actions Completed** |
|  | **MV** – said that we are still waiting confirmation that Collingwood Road Surgery will be joining the joint PPG with Dr Mohanty and Douglas Grove to create a joint PPG between the three smaller surgeries in the area. |
|  | **Thank you all for coming and attending, much appreciated it’s all about the GP Practice and patients working and coming together to improve our local services delivered.** |
| **8.** | Date of next meeting will be: **Tuesday 13th December 19.00pm –21.00pm at Douglas Grove Surgery - look forward to seeing you!** Nibbles and refreshments will be provided. |