

Patients Participation Group Meeting

Minutes of Meeting held in the Memorial Hall Annexe Monday

22/05/2023

Chairperson: Philippa Jones

Minutes: Michael Wright

Present: Mr. R & Mrs. V. Adams, Mr. D. Avery, Mrs. L. Baker, Mr. G. Bedford, Mr. C. & Mrs. R. Busby, Mr. J. & Mrs. P. Cameron, Mrs. D. Canham, Mrs. B. Hanks, Mrs. G. Holloway, Mr. F. Lawrence, Mrs. R. LeViscount, Mr C Looker, Mrs. M. Mckenna, Mrs. D. Neilson, Mr. A. Perks, Mrs. P. Rouse, Mrs. J. Rubie, Mrs. P. Savage, Mr. & Mrs. Sharp, Mrs J. Sienesi, Mrs. E. Wood

Woodchurch Surgery:, Dr. J. Hickey, Mrs Helen Fox

Apologies: Mrs. P. Coe, Mr & Mrs Gardiner, Mrs C Drew, Mrs V Furse, Mr C Vertue, Ms J Howden, Mr N Jones

Chair's Welcome:

Philippa welcomed everyone and outlined the Agenda for the meeting.

Minutes of Last meeting (27/02/2023):

Accepted

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

Health Care Partnership:

Philippa reported that she had attended the initial meeting of this new initiative along with 10 other PPG chairpersons from Kent. Dr. Rashid from Newhayes Bank Surgery will chair the group going forward. The group has been brought together to gather and offer advice and feedback on healthcare Services in Kent, all of which will be redesigned in the next 12 months.

Lewy Body Dementia – Philippa Jones

Philippa gave a very interesting talk on this form of Dementia which was reinforced by her own family's experience with the condition.

See separate power point presentation for details

Woodchurch Surgery update from Dr Jack Hickey:

Dr. Hickey reported that it had been a very busy period but with few significant changes at the Surgery. Hospital delays continue to increase and the Surgery will continue to apply pressure to obtain timely appointments. Drug deliveries are subject to random interruptions, currently liquid based products are in short supply.

QFF: Who is the Community Social Prescriber?

Dr. Hickey replied that there is a team of 8 prescribers working across the 4 surgeries, 5 for adults and 3 for minors. The team assists with non-medical issues. To access their services, you need to go via the receptionists at our Surgery.

QFF: What is the current situation with Covid.

Dr. Hickey responded that Covid is now viewed as another Viral infection and treated as such.

Urgent Medical Help Leaflet

Philippa introduced and circulated the new leaflet that has been generated showing where urgent out of hours medical help is available. She highlighted that this has been put together as a supporting document and in no way replaces official guidance.

Next meeting: Monday 21st. Aug. 2023 – speaker will be talking about Parkinsons Research

Thanks to Liz Wood and Linda Baker of the “Heavenly Helpers” for providing refreshments.

The meeting was closed at 7:05pm