**MINUTES**

**MEETING OF THE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP**

**Held on Tuesday 4th July 2017 at 19:00**

Present

Staff: - Caroline Moyses – Admin

Liz Wilson – Practice Manager

Dr Tom Weake

PPG Members: - Laverne Caddy – Chair

Katie Sainsbury

Margaret Estlick

Gwen Beckett

Ruth Varker – Joint Secretary

Apologies: - Liz Keasley – Joint Secretary

1 – Minutes of last meeting - Minutes of last meeting held on 4th May were agreed. There were no matters arising.

2 – Correspondence – None

3 – Another £1500 has been received by the PPG from the TV in reception showing adverts.

4 – Paula is due to give Liz more information but no development at the moment. She is awaiting costings etc.

5 – Primary Care Home Group – Visit to Bromley, £1500 for the meeting, £1000 for the coach. There is another meeting in Frome, Somerset that is both nearer & cheaper to arrange. They have a good website in Frome, which we had a look at. Lander Surgery is going to develop their website. (Primary Care Home Group is a Partnership between the two Truro Surgeries to ensure enough patients).

6 – Truro Health Park – looking into funding for a Café – a pop up one in the corridor. They are aiming for it to be up & running in December.

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7 – After the winding up of the PCHCT when it moved to CFT, there was some money left over. There is going to be a meeting with the PCHCT to look at the funding money left over.

8 – We have approached Three Spires Surgery about the BP machine – they are interested. We just need to wait to see if they want to contribute. This will determine where we put the machine. Liz will give Three Spires a deadline regarding this purchase.

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The Surgery is involved with localities meeting. Carrick CCG involves all Carrick area practices.

There is a project to save £30 million, to try to save this money. There needs to be saving on prescribing, elective surgery, cataract surgery etc. This can be helped by prescribing generic/alternative brands, working with Pharmacists for example. Currently we are one of the best prescribing practices.

There is also going to be a meeting of all PPGs in the Carrick area, anything useful from this is then taken to the localities meeting later in the day. The next meeting is on 5th July.

There was an information directory for Carrick PPGs, this used to talk about each PPG, it was dropped. But it was re-introduced at the last meeting.

It was thought a good idea if Practices compiled a directory of information – eg – Chemists & their hours, location of local sports facilities, support groups etc.

Town Digital Hub – interactive website containing information already exists. There are also paper copies in Surgeries etc.

Laverne Caddy asked for ideas for the next meeting. Age Concern is also working on this at the moment.

Fund raising – some felt this was not the job of the PPG, those who want to will be involved – e.g. sponsorship.

Patient equipment – e.g. crutches, is not currently re-cycles. However, the Red Cross do sell 2nd hand equipment.

Newsletter – Katie & Caroline are going to have a meeting to gather ideas, make a start etc.

Next Meeting – Thursday 7th September 2017 – 19:00.

The meeting closed at 20:25.