

BRIDGE SURGERY'S PATIENT GROUP

Minutes of Group Meeting held on

Wednesday 24th January 2018 at 6.00pm

Present:

Charles Pidsley (GP)	Marion Grenville (Patient)	Graham Lamb (Patient)
Julie Finch (Practice Manager)	Judi Griffiths (Secretary)	Bernard Latham (Chair)
Gerry Chatfield (Patient)	Angela Henry (Patient)	Maureen Wildman (Patient)

1 Apologies

Apologies have been received from Sandra Gallear (Administrator).

Absent (apologies received after the meeting) Angie Carpenter (Patient), Stan Cooke (Patient),
Absent (no apologies received) David Leese (Patient).

2 Notification of Any Other Business

Julie had an item to raise.

3 Minutes of Last Meeting on 20th September 2017

The minutes were accepted as being accurate.

4 Matters arising from Minutes of Last Meeting

Julie gave an update on recruitment for a salaried GP to cover the reduced sessions. The post had been offered but unfortunately not taken, and there were no further responses. The position will be re-advertised.

Julie had tried to arrange for someone from the Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) service to attend this meeting, unfortunately they confirmed their availability too late for this meeting, Julie will try to arrange for the March meeting. Gerry had requested and been for this screening and all was well.

Julie informed us that the Practice Pharmacist (Rachel) had won 1st prize in the Antibiotic Awareness/Self-Care Week notice board competition.

5 Group Business

Following Bernard confirming, at the AGM, that he would continue as chair for this and the 2nd meeting, he apologised as he can no longer chair the next meeting as promised. Unfortunately, he will also be unable to continue as a member but will become a virtual member. Nominations were put to the table and Angela agreed to take on the role, under the normal constitution rules of it being a role which continues only until 31st December. Bernard agreed to carry on this meeting and then arrange to pass all documentation to Angela.

John Bridges is now passing on draft minutes of the East Staffordshire District Patient Engagement Group within 2 weeks of the meetings, which everyone agreed is a great improvement.

Gerry asked whether we could have our Pharmacist attend PPG meetings, as he had noted some of the other PPG's did. Julie confirmed that our Pharmacist had previously attended on occasion and could be invited again.

Gerry said there was nothing in particular to pass on from the District Group meeting.

6 News from the Practice

Julie hadn't had chance to collate the Friends and Family figures for the last quarter.

A new trainee, Dr Zamir (female), will be joining the practice next week until June, working Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays, followed by Dr Richards (male) in February until August. Dr Osman and Dr Turner will be both finishing their placements in February. There are 2 stages of training, ST2 which is full time for 6 months and ST3 which is for 12 months. Dr Pidsley informed us that ST stood for Specialist Training. Julie confirmed that there was an impact between the time trainees leave and new trainees were up to speed, after their 2-3 weeks orientation, but it was only slight.

Julie was asked whether the practice had considered a Physician's Assistant, but Dr Pidsley informed us that they weren't able to prescribe, so it probably wasn't right for the practice, although the Practice is considering a half time Clinical Pharmacist.

The Practice has had a major computer upgrade, which had caused a few headaches/nightmares, however, all but 1 PC was now running Windows 10; unfortunately, Julie's PC had some software on it that was not compatible and had therefore not been upgraded.

There are quite a number of flu vaccines left, so if anyone who qualifies wants one but hasn't yet had one they should contact the surgery. Next year there will be a specific vaccine introduced for those 75 and over, so flu clinics will have to differentiate between the 2 groups, under or 75 and over.

Graham asked Dr Pidsley how the Practice was dealing with Mental Health and Disease Modifying Anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs), as these need to be monitored. A number of Practices locally had stopped prescribing due to the monitoring commitments. Dr Pidsley commented that the Rheumatologist at the hospital had retired which hadn't helped matters, and that the CCG had asked GP's to continue to prescribe, at least until the end of March when the hospital were hoping to take on the monitoring and prescribing, he confirmed that Bridge Surgery would continue to prescribe. Going forward Anti-rheumatic drugs would be prescribed by the hospital, but those GP practices that wanted to would be able to prescribe Mental Health drugs.

Significant events

There were none that were appropriate to share.

7 Virtual Patient Group

Nothing to report.

8 CCG update

Dr Pidsley explained an effective single leadership team working across the six Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent CCGs had been put in place with 1 Accountable Officer and 1 single executive team; Marcus Warnes has been appointed as the Accountable Officer. Tony Bruce and Wendy Kerr's roles will be made redundant. Our locality, East Staffordshire CCG, will remain until further notice as the responsible and accountable organisation for the majority of local health services. East Staffordshire CCG will remain as is until March 2018. The post of General Manager to East Staffordshire CCG is currently being advertised.

Sir Neil McKay has been appointed as Chair of Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Sustainability Transformation Plan (STP).

9 Burton & Derby Collaboration Update

Graham attended the Council of Governors at Queens Hospital last night and gave us an update on the collaboration.

The full business case had been completed and passed to the competition authority, who are to report back by 15th March; if not approved this would go on to phase 2 but would unfortunately add 3 – 5 months to the process. The competition authority have to determine whether the patient benefits outweigh the competition disadvantages, if approved the Council of Governors of each hospital also have to approve. Go live could then occur 1st April, with 4 non-executive directors being appointed for both Burton and Derby.

Dr Pidsley commented that he attended these meetings and felt that the best work appeared to be done by the Burton team, who were working very well.

10 Any Other Business

Julie raised the Medicines Matter campaign, Angela had forwarded her a flyer. The Group's concern was that the last campaign worked well initially, but people soon lapsed and any better procedures soon went by the wayside. Julie has the poster ready, but it cannot be displayed until after January 29th.

Gerry asked whether the Outwoods development group, Stride, was a private company. Dr Pidsley confirmed that it was a joint venture between the hospital and private enterprise. The planning process would take a year with the building phase taking a further 2 years.

On behalf of everyone, Angela thanked Bernard for all his hard work as Chair. Bernard reiterated that he regretted he couldn't continue but that he had enjoyed his tenure.

11. Next Meeting

This has been arranged for Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 6pm with refreshments from 5.45pm. Dr Sellens will be attending this meeting. Agenda items to Julie or Angela by 28th February 2018 please.

Marion gave her apologies in advance as she wouldn't be able to attend.

12. Effectiveness of Meeting and Meeting Close

Farewell from Bernard.

'Short and sweet'. The meeting closed at 7.15pm.

Abbreviations:

AGM Annual General Meeting

CCG Clinical Commissioning Group

PPG Patient Participation Group