Patient Participation Group meeting

Neetside Surgery

Monday 11th April 2016

Present – Jonathan McConnall, Gemma Sampson, Cathy Bowley, Dr Dowling, Melanie Chenoweth Practice Manager

Apologies – Sue Lamble & Mike Wreford

1. Minutes last meeting

Active Plus went very well and the group are still continuing to meet on their own.

1. Staff update

Dr Jonathan Blundell will be leaving on the 31st May and he will be very sadly missed. He is going to help us out when he can as a locum, but this won’t be very often unfortunately.

We don’t have a replacement for him at the moment and it is very difficult to get locum cover. Dr Julia is back from maternity leave, but one day less than previously. Dr Dowling has been doing 5 days, but has now dropped back to 4.5 for the time being until we can get somebody. He would like to go back to 4 days as soon as possible.

We have a pharmacist starting one day a week to begin with from June. Kathryn Wisner works full time with Kernow CCG, but has agreed to drop one day with them to come and work with us to help with our prescribing budget and protocols. She will be working very closely with the GPs and staff, patients and the chemists in town.

1. Updates

We have now moved over to North Devon District Hospital for the testing of our patients bloods, instead of RCHT Truro. We hope this will help with the continuity of care for the patients as most of them travel up to Barnstaple rather than Truro.

 This has taken nearly 2 years to sort and has taken up a lot of time, but finally we have got there.

Next meeting Monday 11th July at 6.15pm