

THE VILLAGE SURGERY

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING

Held Monday, 29 January 2018 at 6pm

Attendees: Eric Shone – Chairperson Sylvia Davis
Gerry Grant Leo Clare
Paul Swinhoe Graham Davis
Christine Payne Jacquie Evans – Minutes

Apologies: Daniel Duraiswamy

Guest Speaker – Eric introduced Kerri Stanyer. Kerri gave an interesting and in-depth insight into the little-known illness “Ehlers-Danlos” syndrome and also informed the Group of her involvement in “Annabel’s Charity” and passed literature regarding the Charity and its aims etc.

Paul said he would like to write something in the Newsletter and put on the Practice website, everyone present thought this was an excellent idea. **Action: Paul**

Leo suggested another way of highlighting this could be via the local BBC Radio, again this was thought to be an excellent idea.

Kerri also mentioned to the Group that they were looking into ways of joining Sheffield and Manchester to help current and future sufferers of this illness

Leo asked that congratulations to be passed on to the Doctors, Reception and Nursing staff via Christine regarding the recent CQC visit where the Practice received a “Good”. Chris agreed to do this. **Action: Chris**

General discussion took place regarding the letter regarding Medicines Matter “Campaign to reduce Waste”. Jacquie to scan letter. **Action: Jacquie**

Minutes of Last Meeting: Were read and agreed as correct.

Practice Items

Doctor Abbasi joined the Group and gave a lengthy discussion on the “Importance of Mental Health” on the spend, how it was dealt with, the stigma etc. and general questions about their percentages. He also mentioned a Government Green Paper on children and he agreed to provide Chris with the ‘link’. Dr Abbasi went on to say that there were currently insufficient places within North Staffordshire for children.

Leo informed the Group that in the 1960s, Keele and Reading pioneered courses in Psychotherapy and Educational Counselling for adolescents and their families.

Doctor Abbasi also raised the issue of Peer Support/Peer Networking and the possibility of setting a “closed” Group within the area and asked if anyone was interested in becoming ‘Moderators’. Several members of the Group said there were interested in knowing more with the possibility of joining. Chris to contact those members individually. **Action: Chris**

Any Other Business

Dementia – It was suggested again the possibility of an additional Meeting with Tania Malloy as Guest Speaker

Newsletter – Paul asked Chris if it was possible to print this in Colour and if it could be promoted a little more. Chris said yes to the colour and that the Newsletter could be placed where the patients sign in. **Action: Chris**

Leo mentioned two articles that she had seen in today’s Sentinel, the “Investigation” described by the Editor is research into the provisions that the NHS is making regarding all aspects of treatment and support for people in North Staffordshire with health problems.

Leo said she had personal experience on the article “Real changes needed in how care delivered” and gave a brief insight into how she had dealt with this.

Jacque agreed to scan both articles and email them to the members for their input/action as necessary. **Action: Jacque**

Locality Meeting – Leo informed the Group that the next Locality Meeting may turn up information regarding future plans for surgeries delivering treatment in the Newcastle area.

Also, at the Meeting on the 15th, it may be clearer how the removal of the Board of Shadow Governors (a voluntary group of intelligent, dedicated people) will affect the betterment of hospital patients.

Next Locality Meeting is to be hosted at the Newcastle Fire Station.

Jacque agreed to send a copy of the Minutes to Kerri for information. **Action: Jacque**

Date & Time of Next Meeting – Monday, 26 March 2018