

Minutes of PPG Meeting 2nd November 2017

Present: R. Birkenhead, D. Smewing, R.Tracy, P.Deer, M.Astley

Apologies: G. Woollam, V Stephenson, T Griffiths C Goodwin

Minutes from previous meeting discussed and approved.

Ralph Tracy asked Richard what the practice was doing to remedy the loss of two Doctors one Nurse and an ANP. Richard explained that in November Dr Rogers is coming back from maternity leave. Dr Watts had resigned but is replaced by Dr Alice King who starts on 1st December. Dr Griffin is retiring at the end of November and is to be replaced by Dr Sally Johnson who has already started.

Nurse Sue is retiring and we are presently recruiting for a replacement. Lynda the ANP has left to take up a managerial position in Chester, she has been replaced by Karen Donovan who starts in December.

A pharmacy update was requested; Richard informed the group that we were getting close to it all being sorted and that it was now down to legalities. Rowlands are building and paying for the pharmacy plus they are building an extra treatment room for the surgery at the same time which we will be funding.

Ralph Tracy asked how we could improve visibility of the PPG and how it is understood by the patients. It was decided after discussion that fund raising events such as fetes and health weekends should be considered as Market Drayton hold such events, pharmacies in town, the co-op, Higher heath Village hall to be asked to put up posters. Pauline Dee offered to email Karen from the CCG communications office to see if she could come in to one of the meetings to offer advice. She has since done so and is happy to come along.

Going forward Richard told the group that the days of the meetings could be more flexible as rather than just one GP attending all the meetings they were going to rotate so all had an input.

Richard discussed the 5 year forward view. We are to work together with other practices and dispensing practices to put plans across to the CCG to see how we signpost our patients, work weekends etc.

Elaine Gough chair of the Ellesmere PPG is keen to hear anything we might like to raise with the Northern locality board.

A.O.B - none.

Next meeting arranged for Thursday 8th February 2pm at Wem.