

Meeting of Crich Medical Practice's Patients' Participation Group

8 August 2018

Present:

David Ashton (DA)
Susie Brighthouse (SuB)
Colin Hoskins (Chair)(CH)
Peter Ireland (PI)
Sue Jelf (SJ)
Laurence Robinson (LR)
Jenny Sanderson (JS)
Simon Barraclough (SB)

Apologies received from:

Paul Devlin (PD)
Frances James (FJ)
Kate Smith (KS)
Celia Winkworth (CW)

1. Apologies and membership issues

CH welcome JS to her first meeting, saying how pleased he and the rest of the group were that she had volunteered to join the Patients' Participation Group.

2. Notes of Meeting held on 2 May 2018

SB pointed out that the group now had two SBs.

DA has compiled the list of local activities that promote individuals' health. They have been transferred to a professionally prepared notice for display in the surgeries.

Action: DA

The closure of Babington Hospital is now confirmed, with the relocation of services to the yet-to-be-built facility in Derwent Street. The group noted the phrase in the press statement about 'a new model of bedded and community care' with some scepticism.

Regarding defibrillators, LR said that the provision of these had become so widespread that an up-to-date list is now impractical. SB said that this means that emergency call-handlers are also having difficulty keeping up.

3. Report from NAPP Conference

The group thanked DA for his excellent reports. Having noticed that awards were presented for projects less comprehensive than 'our' Dementia Friends group, DA suggested, and the meeting agreed, that we would enter this project for an award next year.

Action DA FJ CH

There was discussion about continuity of care, (in short, seeing the same doctor as often as possible) because a presentation at Conference seemed to contradict a paper more recently circulated by PD. It seemed particularly pertinent given the extended hours provision due to start on Sept 1. Everyone agreed that continuity is desirable whenever practicable, but the shortage of GPs and increasing pressures were likely to lessen the practicability in the future.

4. Engaging Youth

A booklet from the NHS National Youth Forum was discussed. It was decided that DA would put together a sub-group to take forward our plans for more youth involvement. SuB expressed a wish to be involved, and the practice would be involved as much as possible, ideally in the decision-making, but failing that, as a 'critical friend', commenting on the plans as they advance. More volunteers for the sub-group would be welcome.

Action: DA SuB SB

5. Extended Hours Provision

SB expanded on the presentation attended by CH and previously circulated. There were clearly some reservations, because the way this has to be done, by creating a limited company to win the contract, further blurs the lines between NHS provision and private provision, but that said, the meeting was supportive and would wish it to be a success, leading to the extension of the contract in 18 months.

6. Progress With the Action Plan (bullet points)

Priority 1: if SB can be provided with an electronic copy of the Dementia newsletter he will see that it is put on the website.

Action: FJ SB

Priority 2: SB happy with the steady progress so far, and a sudden rush of people requesting access could actually become a problem.

Priority 3: We could consider talking to people at the flu clinics to see what extra support would be helpful.

Action: ?

Priorities 5 and 6: if we are successful at 6 (recruiting younger members) we should involve said members as much as possible at 5.

7. Financial Update

DA gave a brief overview of the financial health of the PPG and Dementia group, and stated that efforts to separate the bank accounts are on-going.

8. National Update and Practice Report

Flu clinics are in September (15th Crich, 22nd Crich, 29th South Wingfield), October (13th Holloway) and November (3rd Crich).

Dr Nyland passed her exams and qualified as a GP. She has now moved on and Drs Djabatey and Ghias have joined as registrars.

Dr Smallman has announced his retirement early next year. Efforts to recruit a new partner have started. This may be difficult with the current air of uncertainty. If unsuccessful, a salaried GP will be recruited.

9. Dementia Group update

FJ was thanked for her report, and it was noted. PI had feedback from the yoga teacher who has recently been involved and she apparently agreed the sessions had been a huge success.

The fund-raising efforts of Lloyds were noted and the group would like to extend particular thanks.

10. Attendance at the Fetes

A qualified success, and to be repeated. Better the stall isn't so close to the lavatories at the DLH carnival next year!

11. Date of Next Meeting (AGM)

November 21st at 3.00pm and we must be finished by 5pm as the room is required later.

12: Other Business

The group was reminded of the local PPG conference at the Strutt Centre 8th September, open to all, please let Mary Dwyer know if you'd like to attend.

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