

Woodlands Patients Voice Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 9th January 2019

Present : David, Sylvia, Ann, Janet, Fiona, Michael, Kay, Stephen (PPG Members)
Dr Ellora Das (Woodlands GP)
Patricia Brown (Practice Admin representative and PPG Secretary)

Apologies: Val, Mick

1. Welcome and apologies

David welcomed everyone along and wished the group a Happy New Year. Introductions were made and Stephen was welcomed along as a new member.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes from 14th November 2018 were approved as a true record. Spelling error noted in para 6 - corrected.

3. Matters Arising

a) Buggy walks

Keith Wallace has advised that nationally, the Ramblers Association now provide indemnity cover to Walking for Health (WfH) groups. If we affiliate with WfH we can benefit from the same umbrella cover. To get in touch with those who have shown interest in Buggy Walks now that the walks have started up again after the winter break. Keith has provided leaflets for the new season walks (downstairs).

b) PPEC Update

Val no longer involved in the PPEC - no longer tabled.

4. Practice Update

Building extension is now complete though still some major issues preventing the practice using all the new space caused by delays in the IT bid approvals process by NHS England (NHSE). The CCG however, have agreed to carry the risk (of failure to approve/fund) for IT equipment for the downstairs clinical rooms so that these can be put in to service. Concern expressed that this represents NHSE stalling to the financial year end to approve, but this would leave the CCG in a precarious position to balance their own books. Discussed at length. Part of the criteria for securing the Estates Transformation Funding (used for the extension) was to provide training and education space for GPs as part of the solution to the GP Recruitment crisis. Fiona suggested that we advise NHSE/CCG that we will fail to meet the ETTF requirements/fulfil the funding stream criteria of providing GP training and development space unless the IT issue is addressed.

The latest rotation of GP Trainees joined us in early December. They are Dr Abdul Jokhio, Dr Ahmad Khan and Foundation Year 2 doctor, Juliette Servante. We are also expecting Becca Smith to re-join us as a GPR at the end of her maternity leave in February, when despite the new rooms, she will

likely be hot desking for working space..... Discussed the merits of being a training practice – they are keen and enthusiastic with up to date knowledge so keep us all on our toes !

5. Any other business

i) Finance

Kay declared the Treasurers purse open but no funds requested.

ii) Media screen

Fiona reports the media screen needs updating. Still showing September's self-help event . Also reports that Jigsaw is a paid for (befriending) service – needs to include that this is not a free service on the media screen information. Practice to action.

iii) Networking event

David reports there is a whole day networking event planned for 14th February to be held in Nottingham. He does not plan to attend but can share the information on request. He reports that speakers will include East Midlands Patient Public Innovation Senate and East Midlands Academic Health Science Network. Neither anyone on the group or anyone in the practice are aware of these organisations. Keynote speakers will include representatives from Nottinghamshire Health and Care Integrated Care System. Discussed (?) does this replace former PRISM Teams who were responsible for community intervention for patients at high risk of hospital admissions/revolving door A&E /Out of Hours service attenders, with the aim of instead, providing support to keep them safe in their own homes and avoid admissions.

iv) Government announcement

David raised for discussion Mr Hancock's statement earlier this week, who stated that in order to achieve ten year plan, the government need to revisit the 2012 ACT that brought in CCGs - wanting to move away from competition (particularly between secondary and primary care). Have to wonder if this is in response to large contractors going bust recently. Plans afoot for smaller CCGs being amalgamated to cover much wider areas. Simon Stevens gave some interesting interviews (Tuesdays Times newspaper recommended reading).

Kay reported that Healthwatch are attending her coffee group tomorrow for feedback from service users around the proposals for GPs to involve patients in decision making around their own health.

6. Next Meeting - Wednesday 13th March 2019 5.30pm to 7pm