

MINUTES OF THE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING

19th May 2011

Datchet Health Centre

Chair: Dr. Adrian Dalton

1. Present.

Pam Curry, Dr Adrian Dalton (partner), Suresh Gogna, Kate Grinsted, Karen Holmes (practice manager), Chris Smith, Vivien Walton, Bill Joy (minutes secretary).

Apologies: Anthea Christie, Anita Kapur

2. GP consortia and local commissioning Presentation by Dr Mick Watts (partner)

The practice is involved in the emerging Windsor, Ascot and Maidenhead GP Commissioning Consortium, (WAM GPCC). He said that size matters and that he would prefer the GPCC to include GPs in Bracknell and Slough but they had decided to proceed independently. However, a possible advantage of the smaller GPCC is that the area covered by WAM GPCC is closely matched to the Area covered by the local authority, RBWM. Mick touched on several problems and uncertainties, a notable one being the financial allocation that is based on population and needs of that population as perceived by the government. There is some evidence that while the actual population (175000 approx) is greater than the government held figure (150000 approx), the financial allocation is based on a reduced notional population (125000 approx) to reflect the relative wealth of the area. It was hoped that WAM, Bracknell and Slough GPCCs would eventually join to form an East Berkshire GPCC.

Even now, it is quite clear that the government wants patient involvement so the PPG can expect to be represented on the GPCC. The way forward is not at all clear because only two practices in the WAM area, Cookham and Datchet have PPGs at the moment. The WAM GPCC also wishes to have consultants as members – this is a controversial matter at the moment.

Mick tabled copies of the WAM GPCC e-Newsletter, issue 2 Progress and Structure. A copy is attached.

Karen mentioned that she will attend the N.A.P.P. 32nd Annual Conference and AGM at Bracknell on Saturday 11th June, and the workshops “Patients Matter - Developing a stronger voice for patients in raising the quality of healthcare”. Pam expressed an interest in attending too.

3. Minutes of last meeting.

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting were an accurate record.

4. Matters arising.

Datchet fete will be held on 2nd July. Adrian proposed, and it was agreed, that the PPG should have a stall selling cakes. The nomination of a person to organise the stall, and co-ordinate volunteer suppliers, was left for action outside the meeting.

5. Health Education Evening, “Living with Arthritis”

Feedback from the returned questionnaires was very positive.

Adrian reminded the Group that if another Health Education Evening is to be held next Spring, planning must be started well before Christmas. He added that he would not be involved because he plans to retire from the practice on 31st March 2012

6. Newsletter for June.

Adrian said he would write it, including the following items:-

- Drs Kelly and Koh
- Feedback on “Living with Arthritis
- Skin Care and Sun Protection
- and possibly Commissioning and WAM GPCC
- PPG Chair

7. New Chair of the PPG

Adrian advised the group that three candidates have come forward following the recent appeal for volunteers. It was agreed they would be interviewed between 6pm and 8pm on Thursday 2nd June at the DHC meeting room.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 30th June 2011 at 1.45pm at The Datchet Health Centre.