

Minutes of PPG meeting – 8th April 2015

Attendees : DP, BK, JW, CL, DB, SC Apologies: JH, GD

1. BK welcomed everyone to the meeting.
 2. Minutes from last meeting held on 4th March 2015 accepted as accurate and correct.
 3. Practice news – JH has paid for the stall held at The Farmers Market. Lots of people talked to the PPG members there, seeming to appreciate the opportunity to talk. It was decided to book stalls for June, September and October. Themes will be travel vaccinations, suncare and memory loss in June, flu in September and meningitis and first aid kits in October. DP has got leaflets on dementia, suncare and vaccination requirements. DP said there is a great benefit in early diagnosis with memory loss so support can be given and strategies given to help. JH needs to be notified to change the date from May to June. The enhanced service reporting has been signed off; this will not be required again. Practices will have to have a PPG in future but this will no longer be an enhanced service. The draft inspection report has been returned to the Practice. Special mention was made of the pamphlet about getting the best from your appointment. Out of area registrations - letters are being sent to patients who wish to register and live out of the Practice area to explain possible difficulties. If such a patient became ill and needed a GP they would need to ring 111. They may be sent to another surgery, have a phone consultation or a GP from another Practice may visit them at home. The GP's would not have access to the patients notes which would not be sensible in someone with a chronic condition. If more than 2 visits or more than 4 telephone consultations were needed a review would be flagged up. Some patients may not be clinically suitable to register for out of area registration.
 4. N.A.P.P – In a bid to ease current pressures in general practice the Royal College of General Practitioners and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society have come up with plans calling for pharmacists to work in GP surgeries. They would work closely with GPs to resolve day to day medicine issues and liaise with hospitals and care homes to ensure seamless care for patients. DP said a pharmacist does work for the practice as regards medicine management and looks at prescribing.
 5. Leg club – CL went to the meeting regarding the Leg Club to be held at Tythe Barn. A committee has been formed and CL has agreed to be a volunteer helper. It is hoped it will begin on Monday mornings in June. The committee plan to meet first and then email volunteers to make plans. Tythe Barn has agreed to give 6 months free rent to the project. The club will involve district nurses and nurses from the Practice. Patients will be directed to Tythe Barn on Mondays rather than visit the surgery. Other health promotions may also be able to be carried out there such as flu vaccinations.
- Healthwatch have a meeting on April 14th at 2pm at Nailsea Methodist Church concerning the 111 service.
10. Close of meeting – BK and DP thanked everyone for attending.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 6th May 2015, 6-7.30pm at Brockway.