

Minutes of PPG meeting – 7th January 2015

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

1. BK welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Minutes from last meeting held on 3rd December 2014 accepted as accurate and correct.
3. Practice news – A new nurse, Ann Williams, has started work. She will be the lead nurse for the practice and will also lead on asthma and COPD, working at both sites. Sarah Ellis, a phlebotomist has resigned and will be replaced by Laura and Elaine, who work flexibly as receptionists as well as phlebotomists. This will enable both to have permanent phlebotomy sessions and the hours on reception will be replaced. To ensure the practice can offer flexibility of blood appointments the new and current receptionists will be invited to train as phlebotomists if they wish. This allows greater flexibility especially at busy times.

The CQC will be undertaking inspections in North Somerset between January and March 2015. Two weeks notice is given to the practices. DP said BK, as Chair of the PPG would need to attend as a patient representative. The inspection begins with a 30 minute presentation. DP said that the CQC gathers soft information from various organisations, such as the CCG and Healthwatch.

DP and BK will be attending a meeting regarding 'The Leg Club' on 14th January at Clevedon Hall. North Somerset Council also plans to set up a community hub where people can meet up. DP is going to attend the first meeting at Thythe Barn on 28th January from 10-12.

4. GP Forum – North Somerset CCG remains £10 million in deficit. Some additional money has gone to North Somerset Partnership which has enabled the transfer of their clinical system to be the same clinical system as Practices. Weston NHS Trust and UHBT have done better financially but not North Bristol NHS Trust. NHS England is giving CCGs the opportunity to assume greater power and influence over the commissioning of primary medical care from April 2015. CCG's will have the opportunity to choose the co-commissioning model they wish to assume. There are three primary care co-commissioning models CCGs could take forward:-

(1) Greater involvement in primary care decision-making – for CCGs to collaborate more closely with their area teams and with NHS England retaining its statutory decision-making responsibilities.

(2) Joint commissioning arrangements - enables one or more CCGs to assume responsibility for jointly commissioning primary medical services with their area team.

(3) Delegated commissioning arrangements - offers an opportunity for CCGs to assume full responsibility for commissioning general practice services.

A decision at GP Forum on which model is preferred will be made on Wednesday 14th January. This decision will be made by all practices across North Somerset.

4. N.A.P.P – BK reported no major developments. The annual conference in 2015 will be held in Leeds.

5. AOB - The Farmers' Market in Nailsea is held on the third Saturday in the month. DP will approach Tower House to discuss a theme for the next event, which will be in March 2015.

6. Close of meeting – BK and DP thanked everyone for attending.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 4th February 2015, 6-7.30pm at Brockway.