

FOWEY RIVER PRACTICE

Patient Participation Group (PPG) meeting

'Getting better together'

Wednesday 10th October 2018 - 6:15 pm at Fowey

Present

BL (Chair), Anne B (Vice chair), Chinty P, Dr. Waldron, RG, MK, Toni

(1) Apologies

Amanda B, Annette B, RD, VD

(2) Minutes from last meeting

BL welcomed everyone to the meeting and he checked for accuracy of the minutes with the group. There were no adjustments and the minutes were signed off by BL and Chinty P as a true record.

(3) Matters arising

Book Sale: There was a discussion about acquiring more books – Anne B noted that she could ask the library whilst RG, Toni and Dr. Waldron said that they have books to donate for sale.

NHS England: Dr. Waldron informed the committee that Polruan Surgery will continue supporting patients until advised by NHS England.

Poster re 7-day ECG Event Monitor: The group discussed difficulties they had in finding a relevant photograph of the monitor for the poster.

Goodbye to Dr. Goss: The PPG was sorry that Dr. Goss was leaving and wished him well.

Par Track's Social Prescribing Programme: Toni would follow up discussions with the college and Par Track whilst Anne B would discuss further with Councillor David Hughes.

(4) Feedback from the Practice

Dr. Waldron informed the group that the Practice has acquired 1400 'mega flu' vaccines for patients aged 65 and over and that the Practice had arranged a range of clinics to ensure all patients had access to appointments in Fowey, Par and Polruan. Chinty P confirmed this with the dates that Amanda B had emailed earlier:

Flu Clinics for Fowey Surgery: Saturday 13 October, Wednesday 31 October and Saturday 24 November

Flu Clinics for Par Surgery: Saturday 27 October and Tuesday 6 November

Clinic for Polruan Surgery: Thursday 15 November

Dr. Waldron also gave a short explanation about the usefulness of 7-day Event monitor. Both BL and RG noted that the use of an Event Monitor in the Practice will save time and patients could have quicker access to their data and hence early treatment as required.

(5) Committee Items

- Flu Clinics

The committee confirmed a timetable for supporting the annual Raffle during the Flu clinics. BL to organise some raffle books and Toni to arrange a small amount of cash regarding the raffle. The poster Chinty P produced to advertise the Raffle, Flu clinics and purpose of fundraising for a 7-day Event ECG Monitor was also approved during the meeting. Toni to organise some A3 prints for the three surgeries.

- Newsletter (October 2018)

Chinty P informed that group that she had emailed the October Newsletter to Committee members. Anne B said that she had forwarded this on to Fowey Newsletter and that it was already published. Chinty P will update the Newsletter regarding the extended Flu clinics and forward this on to Committee members as well as send a copy of the newsletter to PL24 Community Association Magazine for their December issue. BL suggested that copies of the October Newsletter 2018 should be available for patients in all surgeries. Toni confirmed that she will print some copies for the three surgeries in the Practice.

- Fundraising ideas

The committee discussed some ideas and barriers regarding raising funds. BL said that he will speak to the Lions Committee whilst Toni suggested a home bake sale and Anne B felt that this was a good idea especially during the Farmers' markets. Both Anne B and Chinty P said that they will make some cakes – this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

(6) Any other business

- New members

There was a discussion about new members joining the committee. A new member would be joining the Committee in November. Chinty P would adjust the PPG October 2018 Newsletter and also contact post-16 colleges regarding young members who have an interest in medicine to join the committee.

- Mental health support – Counselling appointment

Chinty P asked for information about the process of counselling appointments and the waiting gap for young people. Dr. Waldron said that the Counselling service was with another provider and that patients should visit their GP as needed whilst waiting for appointments.

- Fowey Hospital

Anne B told the Committee that she will be going to a meeting quite soon in Shire Hall, Bodmin and that she would be keen to find out about Fowey Hospital and would be reporting back. Dr. Waldron said that CCG has decided to go for a formal public consultation to look at the hospital site and the proposal. He added that Fowey River Practice has been asked to be a stakeholder because the building is NHS property.

- Thank you from Christine

Chinty P reported that Christine Pettitt was very grateful for the lovely burgundy stethoscope she received as a thank you present from Practice for her PPG work over the years. Christine noted that she will continue to support the Practice and that the stethoscope would bring back good memories during her medical studies.

The meeting closed at 19:16 pm.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14th November 2018 in FOWEY