

Fowey River Practice – Patient Participation Group

**Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday 11th February 2015**

6pm Fowey Surgery

Present

WL Chairman.

KF Secretary, RP, CP, MK, VD, RD, AB, EG, SG, RG, GA, PP
Amanda Bone. Dr. Marrett.

- 1 Apologies JG & ABa
- 2 Welcome to all from the Chairman.
- 3 The minutes of the last meeting were corrected and it was agreed that KF would send copies to Amanda to publish on the Website together with the Agenda for the next meeting. Agreed should go up as *draft until approved by the next meeting*.

The Chairman pointed out that there is a requirement to publish a summary of the previous year's activity which he volunteered to write. KF to send him a copy of the approved minutes. (WL) (KF)

- 4 Fundraising

The merits of using Fowey Hospital Open Day as an opportunity to raise funds for the group was discussed. AB volunteered to make further enquiries. (AB)

5. Removed

6. Dementia Memory Test

AB expressed the view that some patients are distressed at being asked, with no preamble, if they want to take a memory test.

Dr. Marrett explained that the category of patient asked are those considered to be at risk, i.e. those with a history of hypertension, diabetes and anyone subject to an annual review. She was not aware that it was concerning distress but she could modify the way the question is asked. It does not relate to payments made to the GP but is politically driven to help manage resources within the NHS. Early diagnosis of Dementia can assist management of progressive treatment.) An explanatory leaflet might be useful. (PM)

7. RG expressed his sincere gratitude for the way the NHS had treated his wife following her recent stroke

8. CQC Inspection

Amanda Bone reported on their recent visit to the Practice No compliance issues had been found and the full report would be available in two to three months.

Amanda thanked AB & WL for their help throughout and AB in turn thanked all the staff for their support.

9. The Chairman thanked Dr. Marrett for her work at updating the screen displays.

AB agreed to send him dates for the meetings of the Kernow Commissioning Group (AB)

10 Date needed for meeting of Virtual Group (WL)

11. Dr Marrett announced that Dr. Partington is retiring from the practice with effect from the end of March. There are no plans for an immediate full time replacement. The Practice will employ a locum Dr. for four sessions and Dr Marrett will increase her hours.

The PPG group would like to let Dr Partington know how much he has been appreciated and wish him well for the future.

AOB

The constitution of the PPG needs revising at the next meeting. (KF)

The meeting closed at 19.05

DONM (date of next meeting) Wednesday 11th March 2015 6pm Par Surgery.