

FOWEY RIVER PRACTICE

Patient Participation Group (PPG)

'Getting better together'

Minutes from meeting on Wednesday 11th December 2019 - 6:15 pm at Fowey

Present

BL (Chairperson), Anne B (Vice chair), Amanda B, Annette B, Chinty P, CN, Dr. Waldron, MK, RD, VD

(1) Apologies

PP, LW

(2) Minutes from last meeting

The Minutes were checked for accuracy and they were later signed off as a true record.

(3) Matters Arising

There was a brief discussion about the recent 'Good' rating that CQC awarded the Practice. BL expressed his thanks to the Committee for their support in covering the Flu clinics, especially VD and RD who gave so much of their time. MK showed the Committee his artistic impression of a bookshelf that could be useful to display books in a specific space in Par Surgery Waiting Room. BL suggested that we should buy this particular bookshelf and this was seconded by Anne B. Many thanks to MK.

(4) Feedback from the Practice

Amanda B. reported that the total amount of money raised this year was £1134.51 and €10. She added that the Practice had purchased a 24-hour blood pressure monitor and the machine is already being used thus reducing the waiting list. The Committee was delighted with the amount of money raised.

Point of care blood testing: RD asked for further information regarding blood tests. Dr. Waldron explained that having the option to carry out blood tests at the Practice would significantly alter clinical judgement when treating patients. Amanda B. mentioned that a meeting was planned for further discussions and BL asked her to find out about the cost of equipment.

(5) Feedback from the Committee

Newsletter: The Committee discussed a draft Newsletter Chinty P had produced. Amanda B. noted some items to be added such as Research information and Chinty P will continue working on other topics discussed at the meeting.

Living Well with Dementia workshop (10 December 2019): CN reported that the meeting was chaired by Dr. Allison Hibbert who was the Clinical Lead on Dementia and even though 35 people were present, he was the only PPG representative. CN said that there was a discussion about caring for patients with dementia and issues of carers providing information for such patients. Dr. Waldron suggested that the issue related to confidentiality. CN also said that he spoke about the supportive networks related to dementia that people can access in Fowey and surrounding areas which includes clubs, newsletters, memory café, libraries, beach cleaning, Fire and rescue and other Social Services. CN said that it would be useful to get feedback from other people in the county and how people with dementia are supported and although networks and services could benefit people with dementia in other places, the support would depend on location as well as population. In conclusion, CN said that there would be two other Dementia workshops in the County; one in the East and the other in the West. Then the results from the three workshops will be compiled together.

Raffle: There were nineteen winning numbers – congratulations to the winners.

(6) Any other business

- MK contributed £30.00 from sale of his artwork towards fundraising.

The meeting closed at 19: 30 pm.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 8th January 2020 in FOWEY – 6:15 pm.

The above minutes were verified by the PPG Committee and signed off as a true record on 8th January 2020 PPG meeting by Anne Boosey (Vice Chair) and Rajdulari (Chinty) Pettitt (Secretary).