**Minutes of the Patient Participation Group held at Wawn Street Surgery on Thursday 6th September 2018, 6pm.**

1. Present: Chair welcomed Dr Gill and 6 members to the meeting.
2. Apologies: none
3. New members: none at this meeting
4. Minutes of the 12th July 2018 meeting were accepted as an accurate record.
5. There were matters arising from the previous minutes:
6. With reference to 5.1, there was considerable discussion related to the land, adjacent to the surgery, which had previously been available for many years to surgery staff and patients for car-parking (and also to the general public and local businesses). This land has now been purchased from the local council by an individual and is no longer available for parking – it is fenced off so considerably reducing the parking availability for all concerned. It was agreed by the PPG that we should write to the Chief Executive of South Tyneside Council expressing our disgust at the situation and asking for clarification of the proceedings. It was agreed that the Chair and Secretary would be responsible for writing this letter on behalf of the PPG.
7. With reference to 5.2, it was reported, by the Chair, that the Secretary of State has confirmed the formal merger of the South Tyneside and Sunderland Foundation Trusts. The Save the Hospital Group would be mounting a legal challenge. “Merger Update, August 2018” document was distributed to the PPG. Members expressed concern over the long term future of the hospital in South Shields.
8. With reference to 5.3, a member agreed to progress this with Mr Gerry Fionda at the PRG.

6. Reports

1. Doctor Gill updated the PPG on developments in the surgery. Two Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANPs) had now started work in the Surgery. They were experienced generalists and will prescribe, be responsible for triage and carry out home visits and visits to nursing homes. Interviewing was taking place for a third ANP. Video consultations were under development with the intention of being active shortly. Further online systems were under development for roll-out later. Two pharmacists were now working in the Surgery, monitoring medicines. Efforts were being made to recruit a further GP to cover four sessions. A Macmillan Coffee Morning was scheduled for 18th October.
2. Members: The minutes of the Patient Reference Group (PRG) (2/8/18) and the “Warming up to winter; Reflections and plans for 2018/19’ document (PRG) were tabled.
3. Advanced Nurse Practitioners: an Advanced Nurse Practitioner (patients guide) had been made available to the PPG. Members used this to ask Dr Gill questions about this new development in the Surgery resulting from difficulties in recruiting and retaining GPs and the subsequent delays in getting appointments. Dr Gill gave the group assurances about in –house and ongoing training and appraisal. ANPs would be working closely with the GPs in the surgery.

1. Questions/comments from members: flu vaccines would be available shortly.
2. AOB: none
3. Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 1st November 2018, 6pm.

Meeting closed at 7.25pm