**Holland House Surgery Patient Participation Group Meeting**

**10 September 2015**

**Present: Dr M Sloan, Bill Gormley, Michael Crowther, Karen Donley,**

**Peni Hargreaves, Heather Kynaston, Antonia Reardon**

**Apologies: Kath Horton, Barbara Smith**

**Atrial Fibrillation Screening**

Dr Sloan suggested that the group may like to get involved with a new AF screening tool that Holland House is trialling. This is a blood pressure machine that checks the pulse and gives a reading stating whether AF is present or not. The patients who we are trying to target are those who are healthy over 65 year olds who do not attend the surgery on an annual basis for chronic disease screening. These patients are the ones who are not having their pulse checked regularly and may well be suffering from AF without knowing it. Points raised:

* Bill enquired as to the number of diagnoses required
* Dr Sloan informed us that we are low on numbers according to our prevalence
* Bill suggested we email patients to inform them this test is on offer
* Heather suggested we might use Mjog to inform patients.
* Bill stated that he is happy to be present at the next Flu clinic to inform patients of the offer of screening
* Heather suggested we use Mjog (text reminder service) for this
* Peni suggested The British Heart Foundation be included in this work
* Peni suggested an AF workshop

**Case Studies**

Holland House current have Year four and Year Five Medical Students training here. It would be very useful for the Year Four students to carry out case studies on a patient with an interesting history. Dr Sloan suggested that the PPG members might like to volunteer and/or spread the word. Please inform Heather should anyone like to take part. Bill suggested the virtual members be included in this invitation. Peni suggested that our nurses might be well placed to suggest patients for the case studies.

**New Member**

Ken has retired from the group. Heather will look through the group to see if there any members from a minority group that will be suitable.

**Small Groups Award**

Heather suggested we build on what we have already achieved as a group in the light of our successful dementia work.

**CCG Inspection**

Bill fed back that the CCG inspection of Holland House was very positive. The CCG were very impressed with what they found. Bill feels that patients should hear this good news.

**Other points raised**

* Newsletter to be compiled by PPG members
* Mjog explained
* Feedback from Family and Friends must be acted upon
* Flu Clinic dates – 23/9 Lytham, 7/10 Freckleton, 21/10 Lytham
* Peni to help out at the Freckleton Clinic on 7/10 (thank you!)
* Michael informed us that in 2016 special formats for secondary care communication will be compulsory.
* Karen has been put forward for a Hero award. Karen and Heather to attend Function at Imperial Hotel this evening.
* Singalong 17/9 update. 190 tickets sold.
* Dr Chawla is on maternity leave and Dr Sarah Russell is covering this period.
* Two new Locum GPs recruited – Dr Rushton and Dr Chavali, creating another 90 appointments per week.
* Request that patients are kept informed if GPs are running late.
* Bill requested agendas be circulated prior to meetings in future.

**Dates for future meetings**

**10 December 2015**

**4 February 2016**

**14 April 2016**

**9 June 2016**