LAKES MEDICAL PRACTICE

PPG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND

MINUTES-MEETING HELD 23/10/18 @5.30PM

Present;

Roz(Chair,), ,Jenni, Hilary, Colin , Trevor, Bella

Apologies; Juliet, Moira, Anne, Margaret

Introduction and welcome.

Roz introduced a new member to the group. Bella, a student living locally.

Bella was welcomed and given some information about the group , an induction pack and signed the confidentiality agreement.

AGM

Outgoing Chair’s address; Roz gave a detailed report of the excellent progress made since the PPG was formed , seven years ago. It was agreed to send out a copy of the report at the same time as the minutes.

The group expressed their thanks and appreciation for the exemplary work by Roz , as chair of the group over the years, to wish her well and hope for her continued help and experience within the PPG

Appointment of Officers

Chair. Proposed; Hilary- accepted unopposed.

Vice chair. Proposed; Roz accepted unopposed.

Secretary. Proposed; Trevor Accepted unopposed.

Traditionally, there has not been a role for a Treasurer within the group, the explanation being , the group has no budget. Some discussion . IT WAS AGREED to appoint a Treasurer, with the aim of looking at low key funding raising opportunities and to seek matched funding from the practice for any funds raised by the PPG

Treasurer Proposed; Trevor- accepted unopposed. Trevor agreed, subject to not handling any cash, directly. JENNI AGREED to pursue matched funding suggestion with practice.

AGM BUSINESS CONCLUDED.

Previous PPG Meeting Minutes agreed as true record.

Matters arising;

Integrated Care.

Hilary attended a meeting under the auspices of the North Cumbria Care Trust. The perception is local authorities should be working with health authorities” to improve care to the populace.”

With “ citizens at the heart of all decisions regarding purchasing, commissioning and service provision”

It’s thought current provision makes good use of councils infrastructure, but a great deal of service provision is subcontracted. Bed blocking was raised as a significant problem to progress.G.P.’s are anticipated to be taking a leadership role. There are likely to be specialists appointed to manage “Fraility Care” together with” Living Well Coaches” and schemes to “ release capacity”

The areas are; Longtown, Carlisle, Cockermouth and Maryport , Copeland, Eden(our area), Keswick and Solway, Workington.

Some group discussion occurred and concerns were raised about companies making bids for service provision who are commercially driven, rather than “ not for profit”

Concern was expressed that combining the opinions of all PPG’s concerns would result in in views represented in general terms, at the expense of specifics, with quantifiable processes and outcomes. There appears to be a lack of information/clarity over the bidding process and the group were concerned to find out;

What is the Tender process?

How is it assessed- what is the criteria?

Who makes the assessments- will PPG’s be involved?

At the meeting attended by Hilary, North Cumbria’s “special challenges” were referred to. These are ; 1.Workforce- presumably the recruitment and retention of good quality people. 2.Workload- presumably the consequence of difficulties in 1. above. 3. Finance.

Whilst it was acknowledged that these are genuine obstacles it is important that they are not used as a disguise for inertia or poor performance.

IT WAS AGREED to write to Caroline Reay( Hilary) to , perhaps, arrange a meeting, but to first ensure our questions can be used to determine the course of the meeting to avoid a “ talking shop”

As a consequence it was proposed we ask to have our own headed stationery ( held by Jenni to ensure practice confidentiality and security).

AOB

Colin raised the issue of PPG ‘s registered with NAPP. A very small number of PPG’s are registered with NAPP. We registered after being informed of the opportunity to do so by the practice- it seems other practices are not informing/ encouraging their PPG’s to register.

Colin also asked about plans to start bowel screening at 50? He also raised points about the value of the NAPP monthly newsletter which contains excellent information including TOP TIPS for younger people providing guides and information which would be suitable for young people groups. E.g. Scouts, Guides, ATC etc.

Next Meeting and subsequent dates for your diary;

4/12/18.

Subsequent meetings;

15/1/19, 26/2/19, 9/4/19, 21/5/19