

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG) OF COURT THORN SURGERY (CTS)

Minutes of meeting on 4th December 2017.

Present

Tony Lainsbury, John Poland, Dr Anderson, Margaret Riches, Rachel Somerville, Sally Hardcastle, Joyce Ousby, Georgina Beattie, Vicky Sant, Bobby Williams, Sally Budd.

Dr Anderson was welcomed to his first PPG meeting.

Apologies

Ken Sutton, Jennie Sutton, Catherine Robinson.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Practice update

Dr Anderson spoke about the National Institute for Health Research, and the increasing trend in encouraging research in General Practice. There could well be benefits from research projects within the practice although there would also be pressures from an administration point of view; however it would be a considerable help if the PPG lent its support. There was general agreement to this and a suggestion that the subject could form part of one of the 2018 seminars.

Fundraising

John presented a fundraising update following the quiz, raffle, and big band concert. The whole programme had resulted in a net "profit" of £2080, to which had to be added sponsorship (agreed but not yet received) of £982, bar takings held by First responders £500, and the original fund balance of £1123, giving a grand total of £4686.

John suggested that once the final total had been confirmed, the proceeds should be disbursed on a roughly 1/3 basis to the three targets, namely First Responders (for defibrillator maintenance), the Prescription Delivery Service, and the CTS equipment fund. This was agreed unanimously, with a proviso that a donation of £300 be made to Heskett Church.

It was also agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Nichola Wiggett for the help and support she had provided to the group during the fundraising projects.

Prescription Delivery Service

Tony stated that as agreed at the last meeting, the volunteer drivers would be joining the meeting later to allow the Group to express its thanks for their valuable efforts. The Service had been nominated for the Queens Award for Voluntary Service, and a meeting had been held with Bryan Grey (Deputy Lieutenant) to provide him with more information. We now needed to wait for the result.

Sally Hardcastle stated that the accounts for the PDS would be audited shortly.

Seminars 2018

Looking ahead to the new year, it was agreed that the first seminar be held on 22 March (care of teeth/ears/eyes/feet) and Dr Anderson would be asked if he could take this on. It might also be possible to involve a dentist. More detailed arrangements to be made at the next meeting.

Other provisional dates - 21 June, 20 September.

Any other business

John mentioned the issue of applying for Charity status; Jennie Sutton had raised this before and it was clear from the fundraising events that there would have been greater support had the Group been recognised as a Charity. It was agreed that this should be addressed as a priority at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Monday 29th January 2018, 1pm