

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

Minutes of meeting held on 13 February 2017.

Those attending were:-

Tony Lainsbury, Vikki Sant, John Poland, Dr Grainger, Margaret Riches, Catherine Robinson, Sally Hardcastle, Judith Bayley, Rachel Somerville, Joyce Ousby

Apologies were received from:-

Jennie Sutton, Sally Budd, Lauren Watson, Bobby Williams.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Concerns about speeding traffic on A6 at the entrance to the surgery

Tony said that following the last meeting, he had sent two Emails to the local County Councillor, Tom Wentworth-Waites, expressing the PPG's concern about traffic speeding past the surgery. Unfortunately he did not receive a reply, but a subsequent Email to Rory Stewart MP produced a very swift response from Mr Wentworth-Waites.

Apparently the Highways Department are intending to re-visit the question of signage as well as carrying out an update on the volume and speed of traffic.

This response was viewed as acceptable by members of the group although it was essentially a repeat of previous work. Everyone agreed that any such work should be carried out as soon as possible before a major incident occurred.

Bank Account

Sally H circulated end of year details for the PPG account, which showed a balance of just under £5K. Expenses payments to Prescription delivery drivers remained fairly constant at around £800. On that basis further fundraising would be advisable by 2018.

Prescription Delivery Service

Rachael stated that the annual survey of Prescription Delivery patients would be carried out shortly.

Defibrillators

John stated that the final scheduled installation at Southwaite had now been completed. Signage would be sorted out shortly.

This would leave a balance of just over £1000 in the Save a Heartbeat fund.

Seminars

The November event - Mens and Womens Health - had been very successful.

The next Seminar had been arranged for 14th March, in response to numerous requests a "re-run" of "Putting your house in order".

Speakers from Cumberland Building Society had already been arranged and they had been given a list of topics for which requests had been received. Vikki would be contacting Age UK for another speaker. In addition First responders would be offered space for a stall.

A further seminar date had been fixed for 8th June, hopefully with the subject (again as requested by a number of people) "recognising the symptoms of strokes and heart attacks". Margaret offered to contact one potential speaker and again First Responders might well have an input.

Any other business

Tony gave the latest information on the play at Armathwaite Village Hall on 24th February being staged by local resident Lawrence Nelson. Lawrence had kindly offered to share the net proceeds equally between CTS and Kirkoswald surgeries. Tickets would be available on the night or from Armathwaite shop. Hopefully there would be a good attendance. Joyce indicated that she would be there.

Judith Bayley stated that this would be her last meeting as she had moved to Edenhall and had registered with Kirkoswald surgery. She had offered to join the PPG there and expressed the hope that both groups could work closely together. Everyone agreed with this and thanked Judith for her contribution to the CTS group. John stated that we already had some links with KO and he was sending them details of our seminars.

A request had been made by a patient for drivers to exercise care entering the surgery car park, and to ensure that they used marked parking spaces. Some people parked outside the surgery door and whilst that was sensible to let out someone with mobility problems, the driver should then use the car park. Rachael said she would look into this and the question of signage.

Tony said that he and John had discussed the question of the PPG Annual Report. A report had not been produced for 2015/6. It was agreed that a brief report for that year should be drafted, and then a fuller one for 2016/7, both in time for the next meeting.

Next meeting:

Monday 8th May 2017, 1pm