

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

Minutes of meeting on 25th September 2017.

Present

Tony Lainsbury (Chairman), John Poland, Dr Grainger. Margaret Riches, Rachel Somerville, Sally Hardcastle, Joyce Ousby, Georgina Beattie, Vicky Sant.

Apologies

Ken Sutton, Jennie Sutton, Sally Budd, Bobby Williams.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Practice update

Dr Grainger stated that both Dr O'Hare and Dr Anderson were settling in well. He was delighted about the success of the quiz and the help from some of the funds which would be raised. The new portable ECG machine was now in use, and the next target for the practice would be the purchase of a syringe driver.

John asked about the problem of abusive patients; Dr Grainger said that things were now quieter, although Rachel added that there were still occasional problems, usually about the two day wait for prescriptions

Seminar on 28th September

Margaret confirmed the arrangements for the seminar on preventing/dealing with strokes. The speakers would be Dr Paul Davies and Lauren Watson. Unfortunately there would not be a representative from the Stroke Association, but she was hoping to have some literature available.

Prior to the start of the seminar Juliette Swift from Health Education England would be coming along to present the PPG with a highly commended certificate.

Fundraising

John presented details of the financial situation following the quiz. Income (including programmes and raffle tickets) so far was just under £1800, but after expenses the net figure was just over £1000, to which the original balance of £1123 in the Sponsor a Heartbeat funds could be added. No addition had been made for bar profits which had been estimated at £350.

Reaction to the quiz had been very favourable, there had been a few comments about the length of the evening but it did seem that everyone had really enjoyed themselves.

Attention now turned to the Big Band concert on 28th October, at which the raffle prizes would be drawn by Dr Grainger. There were currently 29 prizes..

The concentration now needed to be on selling tickets for the concert, bearing in mind that the capacity at the village hall was 140 and the cost of the band was £1000 (a much discounted figure). On the day of the concert volunteers would be welcome

to set out the tables at the village hall (mid afternoon) before the band held a closed door rehearsal. Joyce, Vicky and Tony to be "on the door" in the evening, taking tickets and selling raffle tickets.

John was thanked for his considerable efforts on the organisation of the quiz/raffle/ band concert. There was a general feeling that everyone would wish to enjoy a quieter time afterwards!

Rachel mentioned that she had been contacted by Lawrence Nelson who had staged the one man play earlier in the year in aid of surgery funds. He was wondering if we wished him to stage a repeat performance. Rachel had suggested to Lawrence that it would be better to re-visit this in the spring of 2018.

Prescription Delivery Service

Tony suggested that the delivery volunteer drivers be invited to the next PPG meeting (?tea and cakes) as a means of thanking them for their efforts. Joyce agreed to sound out the other volunteers.

Any other business

John mentioned the question of applying for Charity status and it was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting.

Tony stated that Jennie Sutton had informed him that the PPG had been nominated under the Queens Award for volunteers.

Next meeting: Monday 4th December 1pm