

PRG MINUTES

Chelford Surgery Patient Representative Group

11 August 2017 at 10:30 am at the Surgery. *Special meeting with Esther McVey MP*

1. In Attendance

PRG: Gerry Biggs (Chair), Gill Griffies (Deputy Chair), Janet Legg, Archie Watt, Bernard Kellett.

Surgery: Dr. Helen Thomas, Dr. S. Yasin and Janice Tildsley (Practice Manager)

Member of Parliament: Esther McVey MP supported by Angela McPake

2. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence – Dorothy Bradshaw and Keith Farrell

3. Purpose of Meeting.

The Chairman thanked Esther for her interest in the issues raised by the PRG and for her (and Angela's) attendance at the meeting. He summarised the issues and the purpose of the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the concerns of the PRG concerning funding and patient involvement:

- Promote (be the Champion) the CHAW Community Hub by assisting in securing funds through the Resilience (and any other) already available funding streams.
- Work with us to give true meaning to patient centred health provision by ensuring that patients are involved in meaningful discussions and decisions concerning which areas of provision are to be restricted/rationed/stopped. There is a lack of involvement and awareness by the public of the cuts that are coming. Increasing that involvement as we are suggesting will create buy in from the public.
- Influence the recognition of the limitations of the current funding formula.

4. Outcome of Meeting

Following a wide-ranging discussion around the issues Esther agreed to consider the issues raised by the PRG and in particular to:

- Have discussions within the "Department" concerning the NHS funding model as it relates to the balance between funding for inner cities and rural communities
- Have discussions within the "Department" and others concerning possible help with transitional funding for CHAW to help fund the future changes without compromising ongoing patient activity. This would involve obtaining advice about how to be successful in future applications.
- Have discussions with CCG about their overall plans for the future and in particular funding for Primary Care
- Consider how she might be able to assist in future modelling of "patient involvement" in key decisions of patient services arising from service reductions (cuts).

Esther indicated that she would periodically feedback to the Group.

The Chairman thanked Esther and Angela for attending the meeting and their interest.