

Towcester Medical Centre & Paulerspury Surgery

Patient Participation Group Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 11th June 6pm

Apologies:

Mel, Ann, Julia

Present:

Carol, Janette, Michelle, Karen, Fenglin

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Agreed. Action points on agenda for this meeting

Visitor: Fenglin

Fenglin from the Clinical Research Network spoke to the group. The Clinical Research Network is the research arm of NHS. It is funded by the department of Health. Fenglin's role is to promote research in this area. Research projects are offered to the Practice, and the Practice decide whether or not they want to participate. Some projects may involve the Practice writing to the patients who fit into certain criteria, asking them to contact the research team if they want to get involved. Some projects are a simple questionnaire, and others may involve giving blood samples, or trying a new treatment and being monitored over a period of time. No patient is signed up by the Practice. It is all totally voluntary for the patient. We discussed a particular project, Joint Dementia Research which is a database of possible volunteers for approved groups involved in dementia research to access. Towcester and the surrounding villages have very good uptake from patients for research projects.

Fenglin asked if the group could include information about research in a future newsletter.

Carer Activity

Number of carers up by 3 to 266. Links made with Primary schools and help offered to young carers and their families. Our carers champion is leaving and another will be appointed.

Friends and Family Review

8 responses. 7 very likely to recommend. One neither likely nor unlikely. One comment about problems with repeat prescription system but they did not leave a name so it is difficult to establish the nature of the problem. One comment commending the flexible and caring staff

Primary Care Networks

The two Towcester practices have joined in a network with the two Brackley practices. Initially there will not be any changes for patients. In the longer term the practices will work more closely on out of hours, and employ staff between the practices. The additional staff will include pharmacists and social prescribers.

Watermeadows Park Run

Towcester Medical Centre staff took part in Park Run as part of the Royal College of GPs initiative on 1st June. Fun was had by all.

Newsletter

Michelle has produced the newsletter. It will be passed by the GPs before publication. Michelle will let Karen have an electronic copy.

At the August meeting we will plan the Autumn edition.

Dr Andrew attendance

Dr Andrew Odwell cannot attend on a Tuesday evening. He asked whether the group would be prepared to change to another evening as a one off so he can attend. Agreed we can change the July meeting to Wednesday 10th July

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Meeting Dates 2019

10th July Wednesday

13th August

10th September

8th October

12th November

10th December