

WHITEMOOR MEDICAL CENTRE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Completing the 4th year as Chair of the group has once again been a privilege and I thank all members of the group for giving up their time and supporting the group during 2018.

2 new members joined during the year bringing our total membership to 20.

Key achievements made during 2018

- Continued to support efforts to improve patients accessibility to appointments.
- Introduction of econsult (see Winter newsletter).
- Accessibility to appointments over the weekend.
- Producing in conjunction with the Practice 3 newsletters during the year.
- Supporting the Practice at Flu clinics in excess of 3,200 patients attended.

During the year the following presentations were made to the group

- A joint meeting with all Belper 5 Practices on the closure of Babington Hospital and Clinic and future plan for healthcare in Belper by the CCG at Belper School.
- Presentation by Kate Brown, Director of Primary Care Services, SDCCG.
- Presentation by Karen Ritchie, CEO of Healthwatch Derbyshire.

Joined up Care Belper

The group continued during the year to voice their major concern on potential cuts in services due to the major financial deficit of the CCG.

Letters have been sent to our MP Pauline Latham, OBE, and contact has been made with Steven Brine, Secretary of State for Public Health and Primary Care, outlining our major concern to potential cuts to GP Practices in the forthcoming financial year. The group will continue to voice our concerns!!

Annual General Meeting

The group AGM will be held on Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at 6:30 pm under the general rules of the constitution set by the group that no Officer can remain in office for more than four years. Therefore both the position of Chair and Secretary will be up for election.

I would once again say it has been an honour to be your Chair for the last four years during which, at times, the Group have faced some difficult challenges but always with dignity.

I have had the most excellent support from Partners at the Practice, the staff, and in particular Lyn Bond for her secretarial support.

Finally thanks to our Secretary over the last four years, Colin Lawrence, for his support to the group.

Barry Peden

Chair - Whitemoor PPG 2018

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