

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP
CHEVIOT PRIMARY CARE CENTRE

A meeting was held on Tuesday 18 October 2016, 4pm at Cheviot Primary Care Centre.

PRESENT: Rosanna Read, Sue Wade, Christine Short, Teresa Culbertson, Mike Allport.
Guest Speaker, Tom Armstrong (RABI)

APOLOGIES: Jan Clucas, Lorna Moore.

Minute Taker Sue Wade

RR welcomed Tom Armstrong, and invited him to make his presentation for RABI – Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution. This Charity has been in existence for over 100 years, and helps farmers, family of farmers, farm workers and their families only. Tom covers County Durham, Northumberland and Scotland (if anyone has moved there). Help can be required through injury, domestic debts, bereavement, illness, and ill health in the shape of quarterly grants, to cover disability equipment, assistance with state benefits and tax credits, domestic utility bills, white goods, heating, telephone, TV licence (up to 70 year old) and free debt advice. They also supply farm worker cover in the short term. Normally it is a member of the family, or friend who contacts them. They exist through fundraising, donations and legacies. Yearly update visits are also made. Consultants can be brought to advise. In June 2016 they had 9 referrals in the area. They will also refer people on to other agencies if they are unable to help. Tom works 2 days a week, and he is trying to bring awareness of their Charity to the Region, and would welcome any help or suggestions and contact numbers where possible. RR and TC said they would send him WI contacts in Wooler and Cornhill areas.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20 SEPT 2016 – were read by SW, agreed and signed.
4. THERE WERE NO MATTERS ARISING
5. Staying well Stand 26 Oct. Cheviot Centre – RR, TC and MA to cover stand. SW to be contacted in emergency. TC and MA to collect Resources from Cheviot Medical Centre. SW reported that Mr R Wood no longer works at Resource Centre, but resources are still available. It was agreed to copy written PPG request for more members, and get into Carry Out bag being organized by Jane Pannell.
It was agreed to meet 3 times a year from 2017 – February, June and October, unless an t an extra meeting was required. It was agreed that RR would attend next Primary Care Meeting, and also North Locality Meeting in Alnwick, on 17 Nov, as SW could not go. TC agreed to send thanks to Tom Armstrong for his very interesting talk.
6. NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 21 February 2017, 4pm It was agreed that SW would contact Caroline Douglas to see if she would give an update on Cheviot Medical Centre business, PPG feedback from Doctors, and a list of Services available in Surgery. Update also on Practice Leaflet.
Meeting closed at 5.15pm