

PATIENTS PARTICIPATION GROUP  
CHEVIOT PRIMARY CARE GROUP  
WOOLER

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 15 July 2014, 4pm at Cheviot Primary Care Centre

PRESENT: Lorna Moore (Chair), Christine Short, Phillip Parkland, Jane Wood, Rosanna Reed, Caroline Douglas (Practice Manager), Bob Maddox, Sue Wade

1. Minute Taker – Sue Wade
2. APOLOGIES: Teresa Culbertson, Chris Chute, Edward Brown, Mike Allport, Jan Clucas
3. Minutes of Meeting of 13 May 2013 – were read, agreed and signed.
4. MATTERS ARISING – there were none.
5. PRACTICE MANAGER TOPICS - CD reported on Healthwatch meeting she attended - which was aimed at 0-25yr olds. Aims were to signpost to other areas, and leaflet would be out in September. A Specialist GP/Registrar will join practice on 7 August for 6 months – Saba Tufail, she will be in Wooler Surgery Monday and Friday all day, and Thursday am each week. It is hoped she will have access to most areas within the practice, and will be sent PPG Minutes, although it will not be possible for her to attend a meeting, as she is not in Wooler on Tuesdays. Also, a Final Year Medical Student will be in Practice for 3 weeks from 10 November 2014. The Maternity Audit is now complete, and copies will be available. 100% valued consistency; 100% wanted same midwife; 100% had positive experience; 100% agreed with service provided Only 30% were prepared to see different midwife. RR asked if the GP 10/20 minute appointment request was working, the answer seemed to be that it was.

LM reported on Meeting of Primary Healthcare, which took place earlier today. Rather than have complete reconstruction for an emergency situation in the building, it was agreed that table top information and sitting and asking questions was preferred. Glendale Show – proposed Health Care Tent may/may not happen. There will be a Lins Nurse employed for 5 days, 2½days for Wooler and same for Berwick District. Paramedics covering Rothbury - union has insisted that break must be given in morning and afternoon of half an hour (not allowed to come off break to go to call out as they won't be insured). This to be trialed for 1 month. Doctors Fund has been requested money for wart removal machine (Cryotherapy (freezing)) Also another Centrifuge machine for blood storage over night. There is a new Pilot scheme 'care of dying' for 3 months.

6. CCG Locality Manager Alan Bell – Private Tendering It was agreed to go back to Alan Bell with the following

6.1. More information on procurement procedures

6.3. Is ongoing evaluation part of contract?

6.4. Who is a stakeholder/random public? Are doctors consulted?

6.5. What % of contracts were awarded to cheapest tender in last 6 months?

6.6. Are PPG's involved in original specific If not why not.

CD to contact Alan Bell, and suggest he comes to next meeting – 9 September 2014.

7. CCG Patient Forum on 12 June – RR reported that it was a very long meeting. They have 5 year vision, with the intention of 'more care in the community'. They are looking for patients to take part in CCG Steering Group. Also they want 2 patients to be part of Testing Panel for 5 Year Commissioning Plan.

8. Health Awareness Day – LM gave update that the overall title will be 'Awareness and Prevention' and will take place on Wednesday 25 March 2015 2-7pm. Nurses, Health Visitors interested and will support if possible. Next meeting will be 5 August 2014.

9. AIMS & OBJECTIVES - PPG information to be put on website and TV. More PPG involvement in CCG. Tap into virtual list. Impress on value of health checks and screening. Encourage younger patients to join.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - Bob Maddox ask that the following be addressed:

1. Access in Surgery for mobility scooters

2. Signage to Wansbeck Hospital very poor, can it be improved

3 The access to patients records will start in October 2014 – were we aware that Charities can also have access on NHS site?

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 9 September 2014 4pm, will be chaired by Rosanna Reed