

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
ASPLANDS PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP  
HELD AT ASPLANDS MEDICAL CENTRE  
ON TUESDAY 9 JANUARY 2018**

**PRESENT:**

Graham Youngman  
Lesley Bell  
Lin Vorley  
Jennifer Boon  
Val Russell  
Emma Barter

**APOLOGIES:**

Vicky Trumper  
Suzan St Maur

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

**MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising

**NEWSLETTER**

It was felt that there was very little or no feedback to the PPG on the Newsletter, but Emma said there had been a good uptake of copies from the surgery. It was suggested that when the next Newsletter is published that we try to get it printed in Christian News and AG Parish Magazine.

**PPG ON ASPLANDS WEBSITE**

GY to review content and possible up-dates to the group and including Emma and Nicky. The general view was that the new format was working well.

**PPG MEMBER FEEDBACK ON SURGERY SERVICES**

Feedback from the group was positive on services provide to individual members or other contacts. Some question regarding specific prescription procedures, Emma explained that CDs (Controlled Drugs) prescribed at Asplands need to be overseen and signed off by a Doctor. This can sometimes cause minor delay with prescriptions.

Out of hours appointments procedure appears to be working effectively.

**MK CANCER PATIENT PARTNERSHIP**

To discuss at next meeting: Suzan still to discuss with Asplands the need and possibility of holding "Living Beyond Cancer Workshops"

**HELPING HANDS IN ASPLEY GUISE**

It was reported that a Christmas Tea Party for 40, including residents, had taken place and everyone had a great afternoon.

3 New Volunteers have joined the team.

There is potential for a Woburn Sands Helping Hands. Work is in progress and BRCC have agreed a grant, if they can get a group together.

### **MILTON KEYNES FOUNDATION TRUST**

Progress is being made on the new Multi-storey parking.

The New Academic Centre is due to open end of February 2018.

Simon Lloyd is the new Chairman of Milton Keynes University Hospital.

There are currently 2 non-executive vacancies and some Public Governor positions up for election. Details can be found on MKFT University Hospital website

### **LOVE WOBURN SANDS**

No report.

### **BEDFORDSHIRE CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP**

EB gave an overview of the BCCG. The aim ultimately is to bring all services together in our areas. Example: Fragility Nurse service covering 6 Practices, with Asplands having 1 day a week. The Advanced Nurse Practitioner will cover the most vulnerable patients and provide medical support in order to avoid unnecessary hospital admissions. This service is part of a two-year trial partly funded by Bedford Council under the Better Care Fund. The service is already being expanded to two Nurses providing additional cover to all 6 practices.

The aim is to shared services that provide benefit to patients.

### **LOCALITY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP**

GY reported that the LPPG meetings have been constructive and have been provided with information on the potential new services for West Mid Beds Locality. Graham has requested a new LPPG representative going forward in the Autumn, due to his night time driving concerns.

### **SURGERY MATTERS**

Working practices with the surgery will change in the coming years to work jointly with other practices within the group by combining and sharing services where appropriate. With the requirement of 8am to 8pm surgery hours and 7 days a week working, alternative forms of patient services and cover need to be developed.

2 nurses from Asplands are about to take maternity leave and we will be welcoming a new Phlebotomist and an additional experienced Nurse.

2 new Registrars covering part weeks each.

Dr Rezau Rahman, is holding 8 Sessions a week and is covering for Dr Jenny Cusack, who has just given birth to a daughter.

Dr Peter Robinson welcomed a Son.

### **AOB**

**NEXT MEETING: 24 APRIL 2018, Starting at 2pm.**

Chair for the next meeting will be Lesley Bell.