

Newbold Surgery Patients Participation Group

Minutes of the meeting Thursday 23rd June 2016

Persons Present :- Dr.U Bhatia, Dr. M A Bradley, Rachael Carrington, Peter Bestwick, Sue Jenkinson, Kathryn Evans, Robert Hay, Marilyn Hay, Judy Shelbourne, Barrie Shelbourne, Sheila Hand, Derek Hand, David Jackman, Pauline Sissons, Trudy Allen, Sue Goodwin and Bob Goodwin.

Apologies :- Carmela Seville.

Presentation 1 :- Dr. U Bhatia explained to the group that the Practice had been invited to apply for additional funding. An application has been submitted for an extension to the surgery building in order to provide extra consulting rooms, the provision of a lift to allow unrestricted access to the first floor and also to include extra funds for technological improvements. A discussion followed about where the building may be extended, to the side and first floor but dependent on a surveyors report and recommendations. The aim would be to provide more services locally instead of having to refer patients to the hospital. Due to the short time schedule, the applications had to be submitted to the CCG, who had to submit them by the 30th June with the results expected by September this year. Dr. Bhatia asked the group to consider the types of uses that additional space could be used for.

Welcome and Introductions :- Peter Bestwick welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Christine Mitchell and Colin Mitchell who were to give a presentation later.

Donations :- Rachael told the meeting that the £85 donations to both Nana Kind and Ashgate Hospice had now been made.

An envelope was placed on the reception desk in order for members to make a donation to Ashgate Hospice in remembrance of Steph Slone.

Surgery Update :- Rachael told the meeting that the Flu vaccine had now been ordered and the flu day this year would be **Wednesday 21st.September**. She explained that unfortunately Debbie had been ill and absent from work for some time but thankfully she is now well on the mend and is hoping to return shortly.

The bubble tube supplied by the group had unfortunately died again, the group agreed that it was not worth replacing again as it did not appear suitable for constant use.

Presentation 2 :- Christine Mitchell, Chair of the Midland Association for Amputees and Friends, then told the group about this self help group and invited members to visit on the last Tuesday of the month at St. Thomas on Chatsworth Road.

Presentation 3 :- Colin Mitchell then told the group about the Chesterfield Shopmobility scheme, he explained that people using their mobility scooters had to have a “driving test” before being allowed to hire a machine. He then invited members to try to pass this test which he had kindly set up on the car park.

Peter thanked both speakers for their presentations and closed the meeting which adjourned to the car park.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 8th. September 2016.