

Newbold Surgery Patient Participation Group

Meeting 2nd May 2013

Present were Rachael Carrington, Prac. Manager, Peter Bestwick, Chairman, Sue Jenkinson, Sec. , Kathryn Evans, Charmaine Saunders, Barrie Shelbourne, Pauline Sissons, Stephanie Slone, Treasurer, David Jackman, Sheila Hand, Sue and Bob Goodwin, Trudy Allen.

Apologies were received from Alan Wood, Carmela Seville, Debbie Dyson, Helen Annett.

Once again, please let Sue know if you are unable to come! (Tel. 273185)

The meeting was opened by Peter Bestwick, Chairman. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting were that the new chairs are in place and the new carpet is to be fitted on the weekend of 2nd June, to complete the transformation of the waiting room. The plaque to Dr D Elmore is on the wall inside the surgery doors.

Rachael was able to announce that the new practice manager is herself, news which was warmly welcomed. The group is pleased to be able to continue working with someone they know. Rachael told the group that the new defibrillator has already been used, with a successful outcome for the patient involved. £70 has already been raised for the group from book sales in the waiting room.

Anne Robinson and Sandra Silcock, District Nurses, came to talk about the role of the district (community) nurse. Anne talked about the types of treatment they do, who can be treated at home and who comes to their clinic in the surgery held 3 days per week. They explained the differences between themselves and the practice nurses, and also that though they are based at the surgery, they are employed by Derbyshire Community Health Services. They spoke about the incontinence service to which anyone can self-refer by ringing the surgery and leaving a message for the nurses. There is a specialist treatment service at Wheatbridge surgery and there are many different treatments available for this problem.

Patients being treated at home must give consent for the nurses to talk to their relatives and carers about them, and they keep their treatment file at home, which they can keep confidential.

Sue Jenkinson explained about 'Doing Nothing is Not an Option, the way forward with treating more people at or near their home instead of hospital, with multi-disciplinary teams involving health, social services, therapists and the voluntary sector working together. This is better for the patient and helps to reduce costs without cutting services as the NHS in Derbyshire has to save £250 million this year.

Rachael then spoke about the need to be thinking about this year's flu campaign, which will be on the agenda for the next two meetings. If anyone has any new ideas to go with last year's successful fund-raising, please let Sue know or bring them to the next meeting.

Dates and times of next meetings are 13th June and 5th September, both at 6.00pm. We are avoiding the holiday months of July and August.