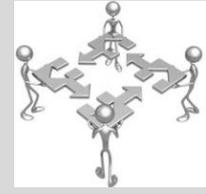




HEALD GREEN HEALTH CENTRE



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#### COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> 2014

**Present:** Peter Jennings (Chair), Jean Jennings (Secretary), Alf Churchhouse, George Rogers,  
Anne Mitchelson, John Featherstone.

**Apologies:** Patricia Bruce

1. The Chairman welcomed those present and thanked them for their attendance.
2. Minutes of the last meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 were approved.

#### 3 Matters Arising

a) The Practice Manager's replies to the questions raised at the meeting on 25.2.2014 were discussed. The answers concerning the security guard at future meetings; the emergency response to incidents when the Health Centre is closed; the Press Release postponement and the date order of posters put up on the notice board were accepted.

b) Regarding the LED display, no one had seen anything other than the usual website notice, perhaps owing to our infrequent attendance at the Health Centre. However it still seems a useful means of informing patients of any relevant event or periodically reminding them of the need to cancel unwanted appointments.

c) The apparent lack of patient interest in the 'Are You Aware' leaflet was disappointing. It was suggested that, if the leaflets could be handed to patients when visiting the doctor or nurse, they might be better regarded. However it was also suggested that we should attach a plastic envelope to the PPG notice board containing some of the leaflets, particularly in view of the number still failing to attend appointments.

#### 4 MP's response to letters concerning CCG funding

The disparity between Stockport CCG's funding and certain other areas was described by Dr Ranjit Gill to those of us who attended the meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> 2014 at the Village Hotel. With his approval, therefore, we wrote to Mark Hunter MP, with copies sent to the three other constituency MPs for Stockport. Mark Hunter and the Labour MP, Andrew Gwynne replied and it was agreed that we should send copies of their replies to Dr Gill.

#### 5 Security Guard arrangements.

The Practices have agreed to fund the security guard for PPG meetings, for which we are very grateful. Thanks were also expressed to the Practice Manager for all her efforts on our behalf in the matter.

**6 Speakers** are now arranged until December 2015. It was suggested, and accepted, that we should put a notice on the PPG board giving details of the meetings and speakers from September 2014 to December 2015. They will no doubt also be shown on the web site.

**7. The Ratepayers Social Groups Evening** in October 2013 was a success and it was agreed that we should man a stall again this year

### **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

a) The increased number of members via the Virtual List, compiled by the Practice Manager, was mentioned and the committee members asked if their email addresses could be included on the list, so that they would be aware of any information, or requests for opinion, sent to the Virtual members.

b) The CCG were interested in our recent speaker on Obesity, Wendy Hardie, and we understand that a film has been made on the subject. Wendy is now a PPG member and keen to share her experience and knowledge on obesity with others and it was suggested that it might be possible for her to run a group at our Health Centre, or, perhaps, help others individually. It was agreed that the idea should be relayed to the Practice Manager for her consideration.

c) It was suggested that in view of the cuts in budget to all practices in the Stockport area, it might be useful to know how these budgets compare, as well as those in the larger picture, (as mentioned in paragraph 4). An approach to the CCG would be necessary for this information.

d) The Chairman and George Rogers are members of the Patients Panel and the meeting ended with the Chairman giving a brief resume of the last meeting which dealt with prescriptions and medication and the procedure in cases of highly expensive treatment. He said he was impressed by the great care and consideration employed in these instances.

### **3. ACTION PLAN**

1. 'Are You Aware' leaflets to be placed in a wallet on the notice board. (Secretary)
2. Query if doctors and nurses would be agreeable to hand the leaflets to patients. (Practice Manager)
3. MPs' letters to be sent to Dr Gill. (Chairman)
4. List of all meetings to be put on the notice board. (Secretary)
5. Enquiry to be made regarding budgets. (Chairman)
6. Can committee members' email details be added to the Virtual List. (Practice Manager)
7. Possibility of Wendy Hardie helping with a group, or individuals, regarding obesity. (Practice Manager)
8. Poster for September's meeting to be distributed in mid-July. (Alf)

**There being no further business, the meeting ended at noon.**