



The Brimington Surgery Patient Participation Group - Notes Tuesday 20th November 2018

1. Attendees: S Hague; P Smiley; G Morris; M Liddle; H Butler; J Bramley; P Wright; P Elliott (Practice Manager); C Webster (Asst Practice Manager); D Ball (Guest Speaker); L Baldran (for Notice Board section); Dr E Fordham

Apologies– *M Breeds; J Cole; P Jones; J Graham; Mrs Chambers; Mrs Elphee; M Hopton.*

2. **“Strictly no falls”**– Diane Ball gave a very informative talk about the building strength and improving balance classes that are run to help reduce hospital admissions. The classes run from chair based exercise up to Tai Chi out in the community. Evidence has shown that attending such sessions can help reduce the risk of falls. Anyone who answers yes to three of five questions on the formerly named Romford Tool can self-refer or be referred by the Falls Service or a clinician to the service. Diane left some promotional material and the practice will put this on the website too. The electronic referral form is not quite ready yet though. The surgery will also advertise this in the waiting room. The classes are not necessarily free. The practice representatives suggested that they would be interested in hosting a taster session on a Wednesday afternoon in the New Year.

Contact details for the service 01773 768240. www.activederbyshire.co.uk/fallsprevention.

3. **Minutes of last meeting** were ratified.
4. **Matters Arising not on the agenda**
Planning permission has not yet been applied for regarding the extra parking spaces.
5. **Nomination and election of Chair and Vice Chair & TOR**- Sue Hague was elected Chair and Pam Smiley Vice Chair. Terms of Reference had been circulated and these were approved by the group. The group thanked ML for his work.
6. **National Survey results**
<https://gp-patient.co.uk/PatientExperiences?practicecode=C81058>
These were discussed – it was noted that the sample size was only 104 which is only 1.25% of the practice population. It was agreed that these results are not a true reflection – specifics such as GPs being on mat leave or changes in clinical staff will not have been taken into account. It will be interesting to see the next survey results as it is hoped that the Hub will have a significant impact
7. **Newsletter** – PS was thanked for her work on this. Some minor alterations were requested.

8. Surgery update:

Impact of new housing – NHS England is involved in talks to try and secure funding for health services. Paula expressed an interest in obtaining funding for the practice to help with capacity - has yet to be fully discussed in practice. The group queried as to whether the practice could reduce their catchment area – this might be something to consider however, Paula felt that this would just move the issue around Chesterfield and that NHS England/CCG may not permit this (current patients who might then be outside the catchment WOULD be able to remain on the list).

Staffing- Dr Lancaster will be moving abroad for approximately 8 months – initially her patients won't be allocated to a different named GP but will of course be looked after within our usual high standards

Dressings – the CCG is in negotiation regarding who is or will be commissioned to undertake this service. GP practices are contracted to undertake stitch/staple removal and the dressing at this time but no other dressings. The Surgery will do its utmost to ensure that patients are not inconvenienced by the current uncertainty.

Flu clinic – Paula thanked the PPG for their support. The surveys done will be circulated prior to the next meeting

Notice Boards – Lead Nurse Lisa joined for this item – the nurses plan to produce a monthly list of areas to publicise (eg Diabetes, Travel Vaccinations) at their February meeting and it was hoped that PPG members might take a month each and pop in to alter the noticeboards. This would be of great help to the Practice and its patients. *An Agenda Item for the first meeting in 20-19*

- 9. St Michael's Christmas Tree Festival** – more information being sought as we may have missed the deadline. PPG happy for staff to do this if they are interested.

10. Any other business

Minor Surgery – funding has been returned to practices to undertake this service these along with more stringent rules; monthly clinics are being held and pts have to see Dr Von Schreiber for assessment prior to any appointments for a procedure.

Time table for future meetings: Jan; April; July; October.

Locality meeting – GM gave an update from the last meeting which primarily revolved around the restructuring of the CCGs from 4 to one and the related "Place Alliances" of which Chesterfield was one - that would work at a more local level

- 11. Date of next meeting – TUESDAY JANUARY 29th 2019 at 1pm**