

**MINUTES OF THE ELMWOOD MEDICAL CENTRE
PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG) MEETING**

9 FEBRUARY 2018

PRESENT:

Ian Bowns (Chair), Jane Barrett (Secretary), Eileen Smith, John Hollands, Sheila Ray, Philip Ray, Andy Brennan, Bob Dewson

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Margaret Charlton, Jean Brown, Helen Croft

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3 NOVEMBER 2017

(3.1.1) Jane Barrett advised that the savings to be made by the CCG were £15m this year plus £13m next year – total £28m.

The minutes were then agreed as a correct record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

(3.1.3) Ian Bowns reported that he had not been able to contact Amanda Brikmanis regarding staffing at Brownedge but would do so for the next meeting. It is understood that the development is due to open in April. It was proposed to invite a speaker to the next meeting (see item 6 below).

3. REPORT FROM PPG NETWORK MEETING 23 JANUARY 2018

Jane Barrett reported that Margaret Charlton is unable to continue as rep to the PPG Network meetings and Jane had been unable to attend the last meeting or to find a replacement. However the minutes will be circulated to PPG members in due course.

The Chair asked if there were any volunteers / nominations for another PPG representative. Eileen Smith said she had discussed this with Jean Brown and they would be willing to share the role. Jane Barrett asked if they could provide her with contact details (via Helen?) in order to liaise over future attendance.

4. REPORT FROM THE PRACTICE

Andy Brennan reported on the following:

- **New Building proposals at Station Road site:** The DCHS has bought the site and is in discussion with the 3 Buxton GP practices and other service providers, but nothing has been agreed as yet, although it looks to be an exciting prospect. The timescale to opening is likely to be 3-5 years. The plan is to vacate both hospital sites and re-locate provision, and possibly services from Corbar View and Bath Rd and the borough and county councils. There is also a plan for a “Retirement Plus” development by McCarthy and Stone (M and S). Members were informed about a public exhibition on the proposals to be held at The Old Hall on 15 Feb. Concern was expressed about whether there would be room for all these services and also about public parking. A question was also raised about a Peak Rail covenant on the M and S part. An outline planning application is expected in the next few months and there will be consideration of a new service road and a traffic impact assessment.
- **New Practice Nurse:** the new PN is Tracey Hunt who started in December, 2 days a week.
- **The courtyard windows:** refurbishment has been completed.

- **New Receptionist:** an advertisement has been placed for a new receptionist with a closing date end of next week.
- **Extra hours provision:** the High Peak Consortium comprises 7 of the 8 practices (excluding Hartington). It will offer 8-8 M-F plus weekend and bank holiday working. Each practice will offer 1 or 2 evenings a week which all patients can access, booking appointments through their own practice. Weekend cover will be contracted out to DHU who will provide 3 hrs available on the day plus advance appointments. The venue is to be confirmed – possible at the Cottage or in New Mills. The issue of access to a local pharmacy to obtain prescriptions was raised – Andy agreed to take this back.
- **Blythe House:** the practice raised £300 before Christmas and intends to do more fundraising in future.
- **Waiting room screens:** Andy Brennan will liaise with Andy Butler – Andy Brennan welcomed any ideas from PPG members about content (EMIS, services, charities, BMA, consultations, professional associations, etc).

5. FUTURE OF THE GROUP

The constitution should be reviewed annually: Ian suggested that the current constitution be circulated with the minutes and finalised at the next meeting.

Election of officers: there were no other nominations for Chair or Secretary. Ian and Jane said they were willing to continue for another year but would stand down next year.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Speakers: there will be a speaker on the Browndge development at the next meeting: Simon Stevens, Service Director Adult Social Care, DCC. Invitations to be extended to the other PPGs. It was suggested that a representative of the Rapid Response Team (based at Bakewell) be invited to the following meeting. Andy may have a contact.

The issue of changes to the CCGs was raised: Ian said he would get information for the next meeting.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed according to speaker's availability.

NB: Friday 18 May, 1.30pm, Methodist Church Hall, is confirmed.