

S & C PPG

Minutes of Joint Meeting held Wednesday 28th September 2016

Present

Sheila Golightly (Chair)
Jane Evans
Sue Knox
Ann Williams
Jane Rose
Norman Davis
Malcolm Harley
John Leask

Surgery Representative

Caroline Charles
Dr. M Chambers (Briefly)

Apologies for Absence (Item 1)

Diane Sawyer

S G informed the meeting that due to other commitments Diane Sawyer wished to resign from the group

Minutes of Last Meeting (Item 2)

The minutes were agreed after S G had made a small amendment,
M H proposed and seconded by A W

Matters Arising (Item 3)

The rotating position of acting minute secretary was started.
M H agreed to undertake the position for this meeting.

Flu Sessions (Item 4)

S G requested our continued help for the flu sessions taking place at Corse & Staunton Village Hall 2016 on both Thursdays 6th & 13th October 2016. M H & N D carry out car park duties, J L, J E, to attend both, J R, to attend 1st, and A W to attend 2nd sessions
C C expressed here gratitude for our support.

M H asked if the Pneumonia vaccination was to be available at the flu sessions?, the answer was no, as the Drs would prefer to have up to date access to patients notes and previous conditions before administering such. A similar question was also asked of the Shingles Vaccination,

The answer here was that the vaccination was available by request at the surgery for the age of patients on the dates as follows:-

Aged 70 D O B between 02/09/1945 to 01/09/1946

“	71	“	“	02/09/1944 to 01/09/1045
“	72	“	“	02/09/1943 to 01/09/1944
“	73	“	“	02/09/1942 to 01/09/1943
“	78	“	“	02/09/1937 to 01/09/1938
“	79	“	“	02/09/1936 to 01/09/1937

Those aged between 74 and 77yrs are not eligible at this time

Newsletter (Item 5)

S G apologised, the newsletter was still not available but that she would send out the draft as soon as possible following C C.’s contribution.

C C stated that the reflectors had been put in place to allow better visual access of the Surgery by drivers unsure of its location.

C C also said that they now have 2 chairs in the waiting room to aid those less able to rise from the standard chairs.

M H asked if the morning surgery appointments were still in operation, and was the pilot scheme to be continued?. C C stated that yes they were proving popular, and the y will be continued at least until March 2017, it was pointed out also, that the morning appointments were booked from 8 o’clock and backwards to 6 30am.

The Monday evening and Saturday morning appointments were also to continue, though it was stressed that these appointment were for new case situations and not for follow up of existing conditions that are already being treated.

Drs. Questions (Item 6)

Dr. C. made a brief visit to the meeting, and apologised for that as they had been experiencing a very busy morning.

M H asked of the Dr. , if since the parting of Dr. Mason, was there anyone in the practice , and would they administer acupuncture for certain conditions?, as he had picked up a piece on one of the links, following emails sent to PPG members. The answer was no, they do not administer such procedures, as they had not been “ long term clinically and categorically proven “.

However in some circumstances, Drs. could and may refer patients to Private Practitioners, one such, is at Newent. Tewkesbury Surgeries have Dr. A Lister, but he will only treat patients of the Tewkesbury practises, as these have a charitable funding for that purpose. It is possible that the Newent Practice may be seeking charitable funding, but on this we are not clear at this stage.

Notices (Item 7)

J L asked about the disappearance of the D N A message on the notice board, C C stated that it was a negative message and that they did not find it had any real benefit to the Practice or the Patients. Asked if they send letters to patients who D N A , C C said that they were dealt with on a case by case basis.

Website (Item 8)

S K , together with C C, explained in some detail the progress that they have made, and how they wished to progress further,

S K suggested that group members may like to sit in reception on occasions and talk through and promote the web site to other patients.

S K apologised to the meeting and left to attend a meeting elsewhere.

Correspondence (Item 9)

Following the reading of a letter from the suggestion box, a discussion took place re repeat prescription, these are usually done on a 28 day term, however if a patient should not be available to collect there medication for a period that exceeds that term, i.e., they are going on holiday, they can ask for their prescription early, or extended if they mark it accordingly, but that the period would not exceed 2 months.

If patients were to be away for more than 60 days, they should de-register, register with a practice within the location where they are going to, then apply to re-register when they return. This of course applies to students attending Universities.

Annual Review (Item 10)

S G , read out a lengthy revue of a very busy year, and our aims for the coming year, copy attached

A O B .(Item 11)

C C told us that we now have a dedicated Diabetes Nurse , Jo Robinson, also that Tracey Connolly has taken over as our Prescribing nurse from Rachael Jaques, additionally she is asking Maggie Etheridge to take on the roll of writing tips on health for the Newsletter.

We were shown a list of seminars being run by the Nuffield Hospital, which we were also told, is run as a non profit making organization, copies of the dates for October were to be emailed to members.

Telephone System (Item 12)

C C was pleased to announce that the new telephone system would be installed on Thursday 13th October 2016.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Group Meeting 09. 11. 2016 @ 12noon

Joint Meeting 30. 11. 2016 @ 12noon

The meeting closed at 1.55pm