

Notes from PPG meeting 14/5/12

Present

June Wheatcroft, Susan Barrett, Valerie Meredith, Dorothy Wright, Jo Southcott, Bev Isaksen, Helen Marriott

Vincent Holt welcomed as a new member

Apologies

Adrian Marriott, Ann Williams

1. Minutes of last meeting

Discussed and agreed correct. Text messaging working well still tweaking the odd bits – the next thing we are doing is to let people order prescriptions and cancel appointments on line – will try to get this set up in the next four weeks.

2. Appointments

Dr Southcott spoke about Jeannie the new triage nurse – explained her role and how it is helping with the situation with appointments. We are still looking at all aspects of the appointments – suggestions of a walk in session also discussed – Dr Southcott going to speak to a GP who does this and see how they make it work.

3. Stewardship

Dr Southcott explained about the stewardship visits which are taking place – representatives from PCT, a GP and a lay person visit the surgery to ensure standards are being met and that we need someone from the PPG to talk with the lay person who will be coming about the surgery etc. Dorothy agreed she would do this. – We do still need someone to be chair of the PPG.

4. Survey

We need to conduct another survey towards the end of the year and members were asked to suggest questions which could be put on the survey. Agreed for each member to let Helen have suggested questions before the next meeting so they can be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Next project

It was agreed that we need to try to do something re healthy eating and exercise and encourage people to cook healthily and take advantage of fruit and veg schemes.

Lengthy discussion took place about the various gyms and the fact that they are all charging now despite being referred by the GP.

Bev said she would approach the schools about the children bringing in recipes and to try to make some sort of cook book and try to run sessions for parents on how to cook healthily on a budget.

Concerns were also expressed re the number of fast food outlets being opened in the villages and permission being given for McDonalds to open on Carter Lane. It was suggested we ask a District Councillor to come to the meetings to explain the reasoning behind permission being given. Val said she would ask Mary Dooley.

Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at South Normanton on Monday 16th July 6.30pm.