

**Long Bennington Medical Centre
Patient Participation Group (PPG)
Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 11 April 2017**

Attendees: Bob McKinlay Chair - Allington
Sue Marvin Secretary - Allington
Martin Round
Michelle Gilbert
Colin Braziel
Jean Clark
Mary McKinlay
Julie Darkin
Dr Watson

Apologies: Alison Lowerson, Carol Jones, new member Francis Stapleton - Bottesford, Pat Wall

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Matters Arising:

a. Dispensary

There is still concern regarding the Dispensary, from both patients and members of the PPG. With this in mind it was agreed that it would be beneficial if the Dispensary Manager was invited to the next meeting. BMcK to contact Alison to arrange this. SM suggested that any questions to be raised be sent to her in order that she could then forward them to Cara in preparation for the meeting. **Questions to SM no later than 20 May please.**

b. Emails

Michelle Gilbert reported contact from a patient, however when pressed for information there was no response.

c.PPG Presence

It was agreed that it would be useful to attend a surgery during carers' week, June 12-16. Please let SM/BMcK know if you are able to help. We will liase with Alison for the best morning.

d. Martin Round's report

Martin Round reported on the Group meeting. The turnout was not well attended by PPG groups.

Problems have arisen where ambulances are queuing up to get patients into Lincoln Hospital during the period after lunch, i.e. around 3pm. there can be as many as 18 ambulances waiting to off load patients. 5 Paramedics have been lost, as they have been poached to work as advanced practitioners. 5 Europeans have been recruited. Training to become a Paramedic takes 2 years.

Patient Council wants to target the following:

- i. Health Checks for 40-70 yr olds
- ii. Prescribing on line. It was not made clear what this meant.
- iii. Dementia Diagnosis

e. Carers quality award scheme

It was reported people not registering as carers saved the health service £1.5bn. Carers are still not being identified. It was suggested that as some are very young there might be reluctance to be identified because of any repercussions. The message needs to be made aware that it is one of support offered and will not be judgemental on individual situations.

What can the practice do to help?

Some interesting facts.

There are 8.4 million carers in the UK, 7.9m unpaid and 6000 young carers. 25% of carers, care for more than 50 hours per week with 1 in 5 unpaid carers giving up work to care.

Nationally the carer's unpaid contribution each year is £132billion.

f. Sustainability and Transformation plan

Martin has spoken with Andrew Morgan, Chief Exc. Lincs, who is willing to come and talk to us. We will invite him to next meeting.

AOB

Dr Roscoe was introduced to the group.

It was agreed that PPG would be represented during carer's week June 12-16.

It was also suggested that a local carers group be formed to support all villages, with this in mind Martin will contact Julie Goy to talk to us at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7pm with the next meeting arranged for Tuesday 30 May 2017.

Minutes agreed.