



BIRCHWOOD SUPPORT GROUP

Birchwood Medical Practice
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10.4.2017

Present: **Birchwood Representatives** :Dr. Vijay Kumar (Partner),
 Clare Jardin (Senior Administrator), Dr. Mel Fegan, Dr. T Rustom

Patient Representatives: Liz James, Joan Robinson, Mike Walshaw, ,
 Denise Stronell, Jean Marsden, Richard Wilcox, TW and MW, Rita
 Cusack, Robin Grant, Stella Price

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES	A welcome was extended to Dr. Mel Fegan and Dr. T Rustom. Apologies received from Lisa White, Liz Morris and Raji Raman	ACTION
APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES	Agreed	
REPORT FROM DR. KUMAR	<p>Registered numbers: 16, 083</p> <p>Staff Update: Dr. Kumar was pleased to announce that Birchwood has appointed three new partners: Dr. Mel Fegan (3 days), Dr. Rustom (4 days), Dr. Tyagi (3days). Dr. Fegan said that she had an interest in cardiology and worked one day a week at Crawley Hospital and bought her knowledge back to the practice. Dr. Tyagi has a special interest in gynaecology, and Dr. Rustom was child safeguarding lead and now undertook joint injections. Dr. Kumar confirmed he welcomed the three new partners and they added stability to the practice.</p> <p>Dr. Zietal left the practice last week and was moving to Australia with her family.</p> <p>Dr. Mann was moving to Smallfield surgery.</p> <p>Dr. Christine Sat was now employed 3 days a week.</p> <p>Birchwood has now employed two Paramedic Practitioners: Scott Seymour and Andrew Jackson. Both were highly skilled paramedics. They would be working very closely with the GPs and helping with visits to care homes, residential homes as well as patients. Dr. Kumar said that as fewer GPs were trained this was going to be a different way of working and Birchwood are preparing for the next 5-10 years. Liz asked if the practice were still GP trainers and this was confirmed by Dr. Kumar.</p> <p>List capping: Dr. Kumar confirmed that the three practices in Horley had been in extensive talks with NHS England who were very keen to see the removal of list capping. It has been agreed that the three practices would now reopen their lists. NHS England has made</p>	

	<p>some monies available so that a Paramedic Practitioner could be employed to serve all three practices. This is on top of the two new Paramedic Practitioners at Birchwood. This position has yet to be filled. Dr. Kumar confirmed that NHS England did appreciate the pressure local practices in Horley were under with rising patient lists.</p> <p>Dr. Kumar confirmed that one room at Birchwood had been handed back and was being refitted, the upstairs waiting room would be enlarged and the Gatwick Suite would be made slightly smaller to accommodate this. There was still was not enough room space for the patient population at Birchwood and space was very tight.</p> <p>There was a long discussion on the increased house building in Horley, the pressure on local surgeries and lack of consultation with NHS England before permission was granted. TW said that Public Health had now been incorporated within SCC and they probably felt enough information could be gleaned from them regarding the health services needed.</p> <p>South Park would shut in September and most of the patients would be accommodated in Redhill/Reigate and Birchwood could possibly take 500.</p>	
<p>UPDATE ON KINGS ROAD CAR PARK</p>	<p>Following the meeting in January 2017 Stella again contacted the Planning Department but no reply was forthcoming from them. Dr. Kumar said he felt that there would still be a public car park possibly fewer spaces. Stella will try obtain more information on the car park spaces and report back.</p>	<p>SP</p>
<p>LOCAL HEALTH EVENT</p>	<p>This event would take place at the Horley Carnival on 17.6.2017 (12 to 5pm). The theme would be ‘Living Well’ and ‘There is Only One You’.</p> <p>Included in the event would be the MacMillan Green Bus. This would include consultants who would offer advice on skin and moles. There would be smoking and alcohol information. Healthy eating and mental health leaflets would be available. Various companies had been contacted to ask to donate fruit etc. Also contact had been made with local leisure centres. A committee had been formed to coordinate the event.</p>	
<p>NEXT NEWSLETTER</p>	<p>Suggested articles for inclusion are: Horley Carnival event, Holiday advice re Travel Clinic and skin care. TW asked if a First Community Article could be included. Information on the three new partners.</p>	<p>VK/SP</p>
<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>	<p>CQC questionnaire re social care : Liz confirmed that she and Stella had met to try and comment on this CQC document and we both agreed that we were unable to</p>	

<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>make any useful contribution as it was not within our knowledge and therefore inappropriate for us to comment. As requested by the CQC this was circulated to the group.</p> <p>Liz commented that she felt it was a waste of NHS resources to send three letters out regarding a stool sample. TW believed that Guildford dealt with the distribution of these public health invitations.</p> <p>Richard raised the topic he had read re Oxybutinin causing dementia in older people. He asked Dr. Kumar if the surgery had carried out any investigation. Dr. Kumar said they would not normally independently undertake this kind of survey unless requested by NHS England. He confirmed that there were approximately 170 patients registered at the surgery with dementia.</p> <p>Joan commented that the Patient Group section of the Birchwood website was out of date. Dr. Kumar confirmed this would be looked into.</p> <p>The next PRG meeting would be at Nutfield Priory in Redhill on 15.6.2017.</p> <p>Monday 4th September 2017 at 6.pm for 6.15pm.</p>	<p>VK</p>
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