



BIRCHWOOD SUPPORT GROUP

Birchwood Medical Practice
 The Health Centre, Kings Road
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10.9.2018

Present: Dr. Vijay Kumar (Partner), Sue Adcock (Practice Manager)

Patient Representatives: Liz James, Joan Robinson, Richard Willcox, Raji Raman, Denise Stronell, TW and MW, Robin Grant, Lisa White, Mike Walshaw, Alma Gough, George Coomber, Lucy Jones, Katie Jones, Raji Raman, Sandra Dewar, Stella Price

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES	Apologies received from Steve Harnett.	ACTION
APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES	These were approved.	
REPORT FROM THE PRACTICE (Dr. Vijaykumar)	<p>Registered number of patients: 16,914.</p> <p>Staff update: Dr. Bhavani Vijaykumar has now joined the practice. Sarah Crawford an experienced nurse practitioner has now joined the practice working full time. Nurse Jill Trugdull will start in October which makes the nursing team fully staffed. Stefan will complete his degree course and will qualify and start full time in October.</p> <p>All Together Better: The Health Champions have now organised and started coffee mornings for Birchwood patients. These are held on alternate Wednesdays between 10-12pm. Any doctor, nurse or staff can introduce patients to the coffee mornings. At the moment two coffee mornings are being championed – one for patients to socialise and one for carers. The champions are looking at music and walking groups/IT training ,help and advice. 20 people and 6 volunteers attended the first meeting.</p> <p>Other GP practices are hosting their own groups with different ideas.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Champions could attend and a PPG meeting and we could drop into one of their meetings.</p> <p>Push Doctor: VIJAY TO PROVIDE PREWRITTEN WORDING</p> <p>Sue explained that this service started as a pilot today and had proved a success despite a few teething problems. The pilot would last for approximately 6 months. Birchwood was the first in the Modality Group</p>	

<p>END OF LIFE CONTROL FOR PATIENTS</p>	<p>Richard attended a local meeting where this topic was raised. Richard felt that we had very little control over our own end of life care. Richard and Alma gave examples of experiences they had. Richard was aware of a DNR (do not resuscitate) form but this was something that needed to be signed early and only referred to resuscitation. Dr. Kumar explained that this was an extremely difficult area and was willing to speak to the group further. George asked if he could see a copy of the End of Life Care issued by the CCG but Dr. Kumar explained this was an agreement not a document. Robin stressed that any end of life paperwork needed to be completed early.</p>	
<p>ARTICLES FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER</p>	<p>Vijay to send Stella relevant articles. As the next edition was likely to go out nearer Christmas TW suggested pharmacy times over Christmas. Also George requested the Adult Social Care 0300 200 1005 should be included.</p>	
<p>BIRCHWOOD BOOKLET</p>	<p>Liz confirmed that for various reasons this had been delayed.</p>	
<p>DATE OF NEXT PRG MEETING</p>	<p>Thursday 25th October 2018 at Nutfield Masonic Lodge, Redhill.</p>	
<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p>	<p>Liz asked for a new photo of Birchwood for our headings. Sue agreed to take and send photo to Stella.</p> <p>Robin queried the shingles vaccine for the 70 to 80s. TW explained that although the leaflet appeared to suggest anyone was eligible if they were over 70 but it was very confusing. This was not quite the case as it was a graduated programme.</p> <p>Post meeting: There is a shingles vaccination calculator on line for anyone approaching or already over 70 years of age.</p>	
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>Monday 12th November 2018. 6pm for 6.15 pm start.</p>	

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