



BIRCHWOOD SUPPORT GROUP

Birchwood Medical Practice
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28.9.2015

Present: Dr. Vijay Kumar (Partner)

Patient Representatives: Liz James (Chairman), Joan Robinson (Vice Chair) Richard Willcox, Mrs. Raji Raman, Denise Stronell, Wanda Hu, Robin Grant, Terry Scott, Rita Cusack, Mike Walshaw Jean Marsden, Stella Price (Secretary)

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES	Jean Marsden was welcomed as the latest member to the patient group. Apologies were received from TW, MW, Liz Morris, Steve Harnett and Christine Earwaker	ACTION
APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES	Unfortunately Christine could not attend. No answers for three actions could be discussed. The minutes were agreed.	
REPORT FROM THE PRACTICE (Dr. Vijaykumar)	<p>Update from Practice: The current list size is 15,651 a rise of 250 in three months. The list size is likely to increase with the opening of the Russell Square apartments.</p> <p>Surgery changes: Office member Tina left in September. Dr. Thiagamorthy is leaving on 30.9.2015. Dr. Bangalore had been offered a partnership in another surgery and will be leaving at the end of November. Dr. Tom Rustom who has now completed his training will remain at Birchwood. Dr. Mann is currently on maternity leave and will return next year. Confirmation is awaited regarding the start date of a new doctor. Dr. Christine Sat will join the surgery for 18 months as Dr. Kumar's registrar.</p> <p>Flu Campaign: The number of patients eligible for the flu vaccine this year was 5,690. Clinics are available to book on 3rd, 10th and 17th October. To date there are still spaces available to book for 3rd October. Eligible patients include all over 65s and those patients in at risk groups i.e. diabetics. Mike W queried the effectiveness of this year's vaccine having read newspaper reports. Dr. Kumar explained the D of H make the decision about a year earlier following advice. Jean M asked re the take up which Dr. Kumar confirmed as approximately 70%.</p>	
ESCCG Report	Richard W outlined the meeting held on 18 June 2015. One of the presentations was medicines management and the PRG meeting was informed that £860,000 was	

	<p>approximately the cost of unused medicines. Two members of the group gave examples of the issuing of medications not required but issued anyway. Terry S asked how the figure of £860,000 was calculated and Dr. Kumar explained this. It was suggested a letter could be written to ESCCG asking for them to remind the chemists on drug issue. Dr. Kumar agreed to pass this letter on.</p> <p>The ESCCG AGM on 17.9.2015 minutes are on the website and one of the points was the large deficit of £15m with the estimated £9m for the current year, totalling £24 as a total deficit.</p> <p>Chris Burgess, the patient representative at the ESCCG had now left. Dr. Kumar informed the meeting that two female patient representatives had now been appointed.</p> <p>The next meeting of the PRG is 15th October 2015 at Nutfield Lodge 7.00pm.</p>	<p>SP</p>
<p>UPDATE ON BIRCHWOOD CAMPAIGN</p>	<p>Stella outlined the position so far as it was now a year since the campaign was launched. Having received a very unsatisfactory response from Simon Stevens at NHS England re our campaign letter signed by 4 surgeries a course of action was proposed involving writing directly to Stephen Lorrimer at ACRA before making a formal complaint. This was agreed by all present. The committee members will prepare a letter for circulation first for comment.</p>	<p>LJ/JR/RW/SP</p>
<p>ARTICLES FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER</p>	<p>Several ideas for the next newsletter were put forward: wasted medicines, flu campaign, availability of the hand cleanser, new health app. Liz suggested total patient numbers and missed appointments should also be included. The next newsletter should hopefully be published within the next few weeks.</p>	<p>SP</p>
<p>LETTER TO MOLE VALLEY RE NEW HOUSING</p>	<p>Terry Scott explained he had written to Mole Valley Council asking if planning permission for new houses included discussions with the local CCG to ensure adequate funding. It would appear this happens. It is not clear how the Reigate and Banstead Planning Department liaise with the ESCCG. Terry Scott will contact the Reigate and Banstead Planning Department. Stella will ask Rhianna if she can put this on the next PRG agenda for the meeting on 15th October.</p> <p>Jean M asked how Birchwood would cope with the ever increasing numbers of patients. Dr. Kumar confirmed that extra funding for doctors and nurses does increase as the list rises but our list remains open.</p>	<p>TS SP</p>

<p>AOB</p>	<p>Stella informed the Group that she had received an email from the Horley Mirror asking for the Patient Groups response to the disappearance of the local library car park. It was agreed to make a comment and this will be sent the Horley Mirror.</p> <p>Liz J and Mike W suggested we could have a presentation on the roles of the ambulance service and paramedics role. This could be either before a PPG meeting or on a separate date for patients. Mike W to make enquiries and report back for the next meeting.</p> <p>Liz suggested all present could report back at the next meeting with the things achieved by our group over the past three years to remind us of our achievements.</p> <p>Finally, Liz asked Jean M for her views on her first meeting at the patient group. Jean gave her views and would come again.</p>	<p>SP</p> <p>MW</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>Monday 11.1.2016 6.00pm for 6.15 start.</p>	