

# ELMSWOOD SURGERY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING

Wednesday 12th October 6.30pm

**Apologies:** Patricia Constable, Ingrid Reid, Amanda Roberts, Mary Simpson, Brenda Thrower

**Present:** Sue Wilson, Shelagh Clarke, Margrit Mitchell, Helen Greig, Jim Greig, John Hackett, Irfan Malik, Derek Huett, Charles Wilson, Rose Thompson, Dave Groom, Pauline Sault.

This was an open meeting as there was no speaker.

1. **How to distribute information about our meetings to patients who do not have access to the internet.**
  - Doctors could mention the meetings to patients.
  - Have copies of the minute available in a box in the waiting area.
  - An exclusive noticeboard for PPG maintained by the PPG, and to encourage the Doctors to drop into the meetings, have them each come and talk about their specialities.
  - Have a ring binder located in the waiting area with the minutes in separate plastic wallets.
  - Put the next meeting date and time on the LED screen at times when there is no other business.

It was agreed that printed PPG 'minutes' would be available at reception in a box

2. **Local closures of GP Surgeries.** Some concern was raised about the possibility of there being lots of new patients from the closure of the Mapperley Park practice, the Willows and one in Top Valley. What might the knock-on impact for Elmswood Surgery. It appears that there is a significant group of mobile young professionals with a high turnover. This means that there will be little increase in numbers. The total number of patients being slightly above the 9000 mark.
3. **GP Recruitment.** By April 2017 there will be a replacement for Dr Bloor who is retiring. There was a discussion about the disincentives of GP's becoming full time: long hours, admin, high insurance costs. Being part time often suited as a good work/life balance.
4. The surgery's phone lines are now open from 08.00 hrs.
5. Dr Shankar is now on the local CCG.
6. **Wound care.** There was an example cited of someone being discharged too early from hospital post-cancer operation. It was pointed out that the surgery has a good wound care service provided by the experienced nurses. However, the surgery is closed at the weekends so patients have to go to the walk in centre for dressings. The home bound patients are covered at weekends by the on call district nurses.

## Next meetings:

- Friday 11th November 2pm Pete McGavin, Joint Chief Executive of Healthwatch Nottingham about Healthwatch and how we might be able to work together
- Wednesday 14th December 6.30pm Dr Malik and Paul Swift (Nottingham University historian and archivist) on World War 1

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- Friday 10th February 2017 2pm Abi Powell, Macmillan CityCare Cancer Service Project Lead for The Macmillan Nottingham Cancer Support Service.
- Wednesday 8th March 2017 6.30pm
- Friday 14th April 2017 2pm
- Wednesday 10th May 6.30pm Laura Buckley (Research co-ordinator)
- Friday 9th June 2017 2pm
- Wednesday 12th July 2017 6.30pm
- Friday 8th September 2017 2pm
- Wednesday 11th October 2017 6.30pm
- Friday 10th November 2017 2pm
- Wednesday 13th December 2017 6.30pm

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