

GREAT STAUGHTON PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

MINUTES

Monday 2nd September 2024 – The White Hart, Great Staughton – 6pm

1. Welcome and Apologies: The Chair, Anthony Withers, welcomed the attendees.
Apologies were received from Nigel Burdett, Donovan Byng, Virginia Stirling and Mel Dingemans.
2. Hunts Community Cancer Network: Sarah James from HCCN and Andrea Cliff from the Woodlands Centre, Hinchingsbrooke Hospital gave a short talk about the support work done by HCCN, who work alongside the NHS, looking after patients currently undergoing cancer treatment by visiting them in their own homes for blood tests etc. The patients must live in Huntingdonshire and be registered with a Huntingdonshire GP. HCCN has been running 10 years and, as well as home visits, runs a drop in centre, organises fitness classes, workshops and conferences.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2024: these were confirmed as correct and signed.
4. Matter Arising: there were no matters arising.
5. Membership: With our two new members we are now have a full complement.
6. National Association report – Peter Parnham. The committee questioned whether the reports received were worth the £80 they are now charging to belong to the National Association. (Up from £40 last year) It was suggested that the surgery should pay for this not the PPG. One thing that was picked up from the last report was ACCURX, which claims to avoid the 8am rush for appointments. We will look into it!
7. Fundraising: It was agreed to run another Christmas Raffle this year to raise funds for the surgery, but how we will sell them is an unknown as the surgery have no definite dates for flu clinics and are unsure as to whether they will be doing a session at the village hall which, for us, is a big money raiser. If they just do clinics at the surgery we shall have to cover as many as we can. It was also agreed to have a Christmas hamper

as first prize instead of a money prize. Anthony will write a list of possible contents and circulate it to members.

8. Meeting for patients: It was felt that we had left it too late to have a meeting before Christmas due to the difficulty we have in advertising these meetings. Dementia, HCCN and Men's Health are possible subjects for a meeting after Christmas.
9. Surgery update: Unfortunately Lisa was unable to attend at the last minute as her son was sick, so we could not ask her our questions. Mo will email her.
10. Any Other Business: Judy asked if anyone had written to the new MP regarding the GP situation locally. She had done so but received a fairly non-committal reply!

Date of next meeting: Monday 18th November 2024