

COMMUNICARE

Wansford & Kings Cliffe Patient Participation Group

Minutes of General Patients Meeting held at Wansford Surgery – Tuesday 11th June 2019

Present: Mrs C. Wagstaffe (Chairperson), Rev D. Parkes (Vice Chair) Mrs L. Freeman (Treasurer)

Mrs W. Spencer (Secretary), Mrs H. Gough, Dr A. Takhar, Ms Annette Johnson (Assistant Practice Manager) + 14 patients

- 1) **Apologies:** Mrs K. Lawes (Practice Manager), Mr & Mrs D Hellard, Mrs J. Tapper, Mrs P. Cottard.
- 2) **Guest Speaker:** Sarah-Jane Turner, Wansford Surgery Emergency Care Practitioner – Defibrillator demonstration. Sarah-Jane gave a very comprehensive talk and demo covering both CPR and how to use a defibrillator. There were several questions from the floor which she was able to answer which increased the confidence of those attending if they were to be involved in an incident requiring the use of the machine.
- 3) **Minutes of meeting 2nd April 2019** – proposed and seconded - Agreed as true record
- 4) **Matters Arising:** No matters arising

5) **Finance**

LF presented her report to the meeting:

Balance brought forward as at 2.4.19:		<u>£4498.06</u>
Income:		
Coffee mornings	£18.10	
Charifund interest	£39.00	<u>£ 57.10</u>
		£4555.16
Expenditure:		
Insurance		£ 173.63
Balance carried forward as at 11.6.19 after cleared funds and u/p cheques		<u>£4381.53</u>

Notes:

- Above total includes Agreed Ring Fencing: Donation late Rosie McDonnell = £2000
- (i) It was confirmed that as agreed at the previous general meeting, a new portable Doppler machine had been purchased at a total cost of £228.95 – this is now sited at Wansford for use by nurses in locating pulse points prior to identifying problem circulatory areas.
- (ii) It was recommended by the Officials that monies should be provided from funds for the purchase of a 24hr ambulatory blood pressure machine at an inclusive cost of £1110 as requested by the practice. Proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed.
- (iii) A further piece of equipment had been requested – paediatric probe + handheld oximeter at a total cost of £426.46 which is required specifically for the Kings Cliffe surgery. It was suggested by the Officials and agreed that this purchase should be left in abeyance pending expected receipt of a further donation in memory of the late Gilbert Markley - CW will speak with Mrs Markley to seek her agreement for the raised monies to be used for this purpose.

Practice Update

- (i) AT gave a further update on the new government scheme to be introduced in this area on 1st July called National Primary Care Network. The practice will be in association with other surgeries deploying staff to cover some 70K patients, sharing resources and services of specialist staff.
- (ii) A request had been circulated around patients for volunteers to join a research panel which is to be conducted at the surgery in conjunction with Cambridge University on the use of anti-depressants. Six patients had come forward and will work with Dr Takhar and two visiting researchers.
- (iii) Congratulations were extended to AT on his recent visit with his wife to a garden party at Buckingham Palace – he was nominated for his services and work within the NHS.
- (iv) Congratulations were also passed to the practice and pharmacy on their recent achievement –
Superintendent pharmacist, Emily Howlett and locum pharmacist, Gareth Evans, along with Dr Amrit Takhar, attended the annual C & D awards ceremony at the Intercontinental O2 Hotel in London on 6th June. The event is organized by 'Chemist & Druggist', a publication aimed at community pharmacists and pharmacy staff in the UK, founded as a weekly print magazine in 1859 but changed to online in 2016. The awards were hosted by TV presenter, Gaby Roslin, and attended by more than 660 industry professionals – there were 14 winners in the various categories none of whom were aware of their success until the night.
Wansford Pharmacy and Wansford Surgery were announced as winners of the GP Partnership of the Year category which acknowledges development and sharing information and ideas between practice and pharmacy teams, and sponsored by NAPP.

6) AOB:

- i) Vacancy for a representative from the surgery on the Greater Peterborough Patient Forum – DP was pleased to confirm that Peter Barry had volunteered to take on this role and had already attended a couple of meetings of the forum.
- ii) AT suggested that a topic for a future meeting might be Self-Care – the emphasis now placed on patients to purchase certain over-the-counter drugs rather than to expect them to be provided by the NHS – this could save some £6M per annum.
- iii) It was noted that the next meeting will be the AGM – CW confirmed that she will be standing down as chairperson, although she will remain as an official with specific interest in continuing to organise the social group activities.
- iv) A suggestion was made that the current topic of mental health might be a good subject for a talk at the next meeting – it was later confirmed that Dr Nally is willing to undertake this task.

Date of next meeting (AGM) :-Tuesday 10th September 2019 at Wansford Surgery at 6.30pm

Mrs Wagstaffe thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 7.30pm