

Patient Participation Group – ASK

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 2ND 2019

Present:- Viv Critchley (V.C.), Adam Gee (A.G.), Pauline Duncan (P.D.), Debra Scott (D.S.),

Luan Stewart (L.S.)

Apologies:- Susan Stratton

Minutes:- Approved D.S., Seconded P.D.

Matters Arising:- D.S gave an update of the meeting she held on 27th February 2019 for diabetics. She was very happy with the number of people who attended. D.S. was at Kentmere Drive surgery for an hour to be available for diabetics who may want to discuss the illness with her. She will be at Adelaide Street Surgery on Thursday 4th April 2019 to again be available for anyone who wishes to talk about diabetes.

Paul will be doing talks about Mindfulness. Dates to be agreed.

General Practice Update:- L.S. told the PPG about a pilot scheme which Dr. Augustine will be involved with, along with 3 other town centre doctors surgeries, aimed at improving the lives of people who live in Houses of Multiple Occupation. (H.M.O's). There are initially 50 patients who will be contacted from the 4 surgeries. V.C. offered to contact Blackpool Coastal Housing (B.C.H) with a view to finding out what courses are currently being run in their community centres. .

The merger between South King Street surgery and Adelaide Street surgery is still uncompleted but talks continue between both practices.

The new building has now passed planning with a couple of alterations to the original plans. The colour of the brick has been changed and the meeting room in the new building will be a glass construction on an upper floor. The practice is now waiting for the formal business case from the CCG, which in theory has been approved so money is in place. 5 G.P's will own the new building and have committed to it primarily to give something to the people of Blackpool rather than see it as a money making scheme. Within the next few weeks, 5 building contractors who are experienced in building for the N.H.S. will submit quotes for construction. Build time is estimated to be from November 2019 – November 2020.

There is a new physician associate – Agitheia – whose work will be similar to the paramedics, and a new pharmacist to help Steve – Rizwan. Luran is on maternity leave so a temporary receptionist will be employed.

The practice won the Fylde Coast Health Champion Award, which A.G. picked up. Short video can be seen on the practice website.

Other PPG's leaflets were discussed and it was agreed to try and print something light hearted but with a serious message for the practice.

Shortly the practice will begin reviewing patients with chronic disease, or multiple diseases. Based on date of birth, patients will receive blood tests etc from one of the Health Care Assistants, and referred to doctor or nurse if necessary. These reviews will be yearly. There will also be a recall system for patients suffering from mental health issues to ensure that they are physically fit.

The meeting ended at 7.00pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING;- JUNE 25TH 2019 in Room 2, Whitegate Drive health centre at 6.00pm