

## Patient Participation Group (ASK)

Minutes of the Meeting held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019

Present:- Luan Stewart (LS), Adam Gee (AG), Ann Allen (AA), Sue Strattan (SS), Caren Lynden (CL), Debra Scott (DS), Eric Scott (ES), Viv Critchley (VC)

Apologies:- None

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by AA and seconded by LA

Matters Arising:- Paul is not doing Mindfulness Meetings at Kentmere Drive Surgery for the immediate future.

Practice Update:-

New Staff - Social Prescribers, Caron and Natasha are now covering all 4 surgeries in the Blackpool Central West Network. They spend much more time with patients referred to them by gp's and their role is more social and psychological help than clinical help. The idea behind employing Social Prescribers is to improve wellbeing and health in a non medical manner, helping people to get involved in their local community. Caren and Natasha are the only Social Prescribers in Blackpool - another first for our Practice.

New female GP Dr Saravana is now working in the Practice.

New training GP's:- Dr Aboujafer (GP registrar - 1 year), Dr Siddi (6 months), Drs Bedi and Holland (with us 4 months) being replaced with Drs. Collins and Boyle, due to be with the Practice for 4 months from December.

Physician associates Dawn and Hannah are returning to the surgery for a 6 week placement.

Zac the Pharmacist left and has been replaced by Eddie.

Things for PPG to get involved in:-

Fundraising Day will be Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup>, with staff invited to work in non-uniform dress. The Practice suggests Purple, as this ties in with the branding of FCWA - Fylde Coast Women's Aid. The Practice is running a raffle so if you have any local business friends who can donate prizes then please inform the Practice.

Also, at both surgeries there will be a 'guess the name of the bear' competition. Would any of the PPG sell tickets for the raffle?

Christmas Jumper Day will now be Christmas Jumper Week to raise money for Save The Children.

AG has organized a 'Rainbow Badge' project across Blackpool. He is also planning some training across Central West for LGBT awareness and Trans Awareness. This will be launched in November.

Our Practice is now a Veteran Friendly Practice. Alahna is admin lead and Dr Majumder is clinical lead.

There is no update on the new building.

### Events

DS spoke in September at a Health and Social Care event. There is a follow up event at the Salvation Army on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Festive lunch provided. Another Health and Social Care event will take place in February with drop in with the Social Providers, nurses, health care assistants etc and information and help with drug and alcohol abuse, housing help and a healthcare check. Probably at the Salvation Army.

### Date of next meeting:

December 3<sup>rd</sup>. 6pm. Whitegate Drive Medical Centre. Meeting Room 2.