

MINUTES OF PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING HELD 26.2.2016

Present: Dr Nicky Mounsey (GP Partner)
Janet Hallam (Practice Manager)
Sarah-Jane O'Brien
Terry Gardner
Nicola Lunt
Michael Lodge
Stephanie Hopkinson
Allison Maclean
Carole O'Hara
Kev Gascoigne
Milly Womack
Rita Taylor

This meeting was called to collate the offers of help to the practice by the Patient Participation Group volunteers. All PPG members were invited to attend.

We started by laying out what has been happening up to present.

TG has approached solicitors and asked for a Judicial Review – to that end they have written to NHEngland asking for a response to the objection made by TG to the proposed cuts to the practice affecting the services to the patients. If they fail to respond by the deadline given then TG can go to judicial review. TG has also spoken to the GP commissioning lead for the Yorkshire area and they knew nothing about these proposed cuts.

The Practice has gone out to its own consultation with the patients of the practice with regards to the proposed cuts as no other body has done this to date. An external provider is collating this consultation for the practice.

The practice has started a government petition to discuss the cuts at parliament. This petition already has in excess of 800 signatures and everyone involved is pushing the petition on social media as much as possible.

SJO'B has written to Barry Sheerman MP and a meeting has been set up with him on 11.3.2016.

There is a review ongoing of the CARR HILL formula which is used to calculate the weighting of practices. This is outdated and does not take into account atypical practices.

Emails have been sent to the Vice Chancellors office at the University, to the Chancellor of the University (Prince Andrew). Tweets have gone to most members of the immediate Royal Family and many other public figures.

The Practice has a meeting with the local councillors on Monday.

The PPG members have written to Ben Irlam of ITV, Hugh Pym of the BBC, Neil Roberts of GPOne.

The Students Union are being very proactive and have produced a comment card for students to have their say. They are meeting with The Vice-Chancellors Office next week and may persuade the senior management team to support this campaign.

It was suggested that we ensure that the teaching staff at the University should be appraised of this situation but this may wait until we have some idea of whether the University is going to support the campaign. If they do then we can maybe go public to the University staff and students via the portal at the same time.

JH will ask Professor Thornton for permission to get our PPG members out on the campus to gather signatures for the petition and also ask for use of the University Portal for emailing students and staff. **UPDATE:** Permission has been granted for PPG members to go on campus but they are reluctant to let us use their portal as yet. We await further developments. **All the members present volunteered to do this and MW will purchase some clipboards and arrange for plenty of forms to be printed. These will be available from Monday.**

It was agreed to call this committee "The Steering Group" and all emails between members ought to have this title to keep things tidy.

TG and SJO'B agreed to keep Barry Sheerman updated with the current situation.

A list of letters posted out to the various involved parties and public figures will be collated by TG and sent to the solicitors. It would be useful for the practice to have access to this information as MW will be creating a blog on the website.

We have been advised to continue with our campaign and keep making noise, via FB, Twitter etc.

We need to look into the International Health Surcharge. We are not currently sure how this affects the campaign.

We will ask Fiona Russell to create a press release to go out to the PR company who will release this information to the general media along with the Fairybricks model created by KG.

It was suggested that we use the local supermarket and pharmacies. **UPDATE:** ML has gained permission from Sainsbury's to gather signatures for the petition and they will do this for us at the pharmacy.

BRANDING: stickers/badges were suggested and KG should liaise with the practice regarding the wording for this. We will use the Website for the campaign and MW will create a blog for the website. TG and the practice will create a video for the website .

The practice will meet with local councillors on Monday at 5pm.

Our next Steering Committee will meet on Monday 7.3.2016 at 11 am.