

The Patients' Group Meeting

Friday 4 February 2011, 9.00 am

Minutes

Andrew Wells-King	+	Maureen Curran	+
Susan Vickers	+	Jane Currie	+
Mo Yeatman	+		

	Minutes	Action
1.	<p>Apologies.</p> <p>None.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes from last meeting.</p> <p>These Minutes were accepted as correct.</p>	
3.	<p>Wokingham LINK (Local Involvement Network).</p> <p>Susan has been contacted by this group, who are an independent network of individuals, and community groups who work together to improve local health and social care services in the Wokingham area. They are currently collecting data on practices that have a patient participation group. Susan has given Tony Lloyd, one of their representatives, Jane and Andy's contact details.</p> <p>The borough Practices and PCT were not aware of this survey until they were all sent a copy of the results. Susan gave Andy a list of local surgeries who have Patient Groups as well as a summary of the outcomes of the survey.</p> <p>Andy is happy to contact Tony Lloyd.</p>	AW-K
4.	<p>Patient Group Newsletter.</p> <p>Julie Ann is happy to continue pulling together our newsletters. Our next newsletter is due around end Feb/March. We will discuss this in more detail at a later date.</p>	ALL
5.	<p>Walk for Health.</p> <p>We are keen to organise a second Walk for Health. Andy has been contacted by two people showing an interest, which is good news. We all discussed timings and agreed on a date of <u>4 April at 10.30 am</u>. Venue to be decided. Andy is happy to try a few local walks to try out and confirm venue shortly.</p> <p>All agreed that publicity for this event is hugely important. All agreed to have posters in the surgery and write an article for our next newsletter (Andy is happy to write this). We will also ask Dukes Ride chemist, next door deli, Wellington College, Crowthorne Library and the Crowthorne public notice board if they will</p>	

	allow us to put up posters publicising the Walk.	
6.	<p>Charity for this year.</p> <p>Andy said that as we are at the beginning of a new year, it may be a good idea to think about a new charity for the year, which everyone agreed with.</p> <p>Susan said that £70 was collected in the Southampton Hospital charity tin at the last count and sent to the Hospital. We all agreed that once the tin is emptied again and any monies sent to the hospital, we will begin saving for a new charity.</p> <p>We all decided that this year we should save for a surgery wheelchair which will benefit patients needing assistance to/from their cars to the surgery. The wheelchair could be situated in the foyer so easy access to collect.</p> <p>Jane will write an article about this for our next newsletter.</p>	JC
7.	<p>Talk Evenings.</p> <p>Andy suggested we hold regular awareness talks at the surgery. Perhaps in conjunction with other local PPG's. Everyone thought this was an excellent idea. Susan said most Tuesday evenings would be best for the surgery as the room we use for meetings would be the best venue.</p> <p>All to think about a subject matter and who to ask to give a talk.</p> <p>Susan said the GP's at our surgery and Heath Hill Road Surgery now have a good working partnership. Andy will contact John Philpott, PPG member at Heath Hill Road Surgery to discuss further as it makes sense to make this a joint collaboration. Susan will give Andy his contact details.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>AW-K/SV</p>
8.	<p>Any Other Business.</p> <p>Susan showed us the photos taken at the surgery Christmas Party. They were amazing! Susan will send copies to those attending as keepsakes. Jane will write something to go with the photos and pass to Susan to send out. We all agreed it will be a lovely idea to do this again this Christmas. It was agreed that we should probably invite more patients this time as we had a smaller than expected turn out in December (5 patients & their carers).</p> <p>Our group now has its own noticeboard in the surgery waiting room. It currently has flu information on it. Once this is removed, we can use it to publicise our group and any forthcoming activities.</p> <p>Mo (Yeatman) said that she had met David Pope (podiatrist) recently and saw Suzi, who knew Mo is a member of our group. Suzi mentioned an article about reduced costs for diabetics. Susan will give Suzi a ring to found out further information.</p> <p>Mo (Yeatman) thought it worth mentioning that the surgery disabled toilet door is very tricky to shut. Susan said the door sometimes comes off its hinges and she will contact the builder to fix it.</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>SV</p>

	Susan reported that the baby changing table is not yet in situ and is ongoing.	
12.	Date of next Meeting. Friday, 18 March 2011, 9.00 am at New Wokingham Road Surgery.	