

Hodnet Patient Participation Group

Summary of meeting held Thurs 4th Feb 2016 at The Bear, Hodnet

Present: Christine Charlesworth, Mary Hardy, Derek Hodge, Zyg Nilski, Mandy Pilling

Apologies: Karen Calder, Christine Poole, Dr Raichura

Actions arising from last meeting

DH reviewed summary; two topics discussed:

Community Care Co-ordinator: funding now available, but none of the possible candidates had shown interest. Although this is a non-clinical role, the doctors would prefer someone with a clinical background.

Participation: all avenues suggested last time for recruiting new members had been implemented, but to no avail. Apart from another announcement at the meeting on 11th March (see below), there did not seem much more we could do.

External Services

a) A&E update: DH referred to info he had circulated earlier, showing how the present arrangements are not a viable long term solution. Members all encouraged to respond to consultations individually whilst there is still time.

b) Shropdoc/NHS111 service: changes imminent here, with plans to terminate Shropshire's own out of hours GP service and instead join the NHS regional 111 service from October 2016. This would probably reduce costs, but a much larger area would be covered including parts of Sandwell and W. Birmingham. Reservations were expressed re speed of response. Members again encouraged to respond to consultations whilst still open.

MH to add item to Hodnet website encouraging people to express their views.

Compassionate Communities

Paul Cronin's presentation to the Parish Council had been very inspiring. DH reviewed the scheme, and stressed positive outcomes reported by other areas.

Practice had also had a presentation on CoCo recently; Dr Raichura fully supportive of the idea.

Public Meeting at Lyon Hall, Fri 11th March, 7 pm.

Aims:

- to raise profile of CoCo and get (at least 6) volunteers from various areas to match the potential distribution of frail/vulnerable clients as identified by the Practice.
- to promote the work of North Salop Wheelers community transport group, who already run minibus service from Fauls Green area to Whitchurch and Drayton on market days, and would be willing to extend to Hodnet. They need more volunteer drivers.
- to recruit more members for the PPG.

Paul Cronin and a rep from N. Salop Wheelers will give presentations.

Side tables to contain further info and encourage people to volunteer.

Action: ask one of the doctors to be there as a priority, as evidence of Practice support.

Publicity is vital if we are to get reasonable attendance.

CC to redraft the poster and circulate for comments, then send all members final version asap.

All please print off several copies and display wherever you can around the area, not just within Hodnet. Could also be reduced in size to A5 and print off a few copies 2-up for personal invitation.

Chairmanship

Due to additional workload DH can no longer continue in this role, but he will facilitate the March

11th meeting and attend the follow-up.

A.O.B.

CC updated on application to CCG for formal closure of Branch Surgery at Ellerdine. Apart from dealing with repeat prescriptions on a weekly basis, other activities have not been operational since 2008. She had drafted notification of this, and would post in the surgery and in prominent places in Ellerdine.

Next Meeting

It was agreed to meet the week after the public meeting in order to assess and so as not to lose momentum if any volunteers were forthcoming.

DH to circulate a date.