

## Ainsdale Medical Centre

### Patient Participation Group Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

#### AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising
3. NAPP Annual Conference
4. Update of speakers for the year
5. Practice update from Paul Ashby
6. Any other business

#### **Present**

Chair: Helen Graham

Practice Clinical representative: Apologies from Doctor S K Bennett who had clinical duties.

Practice Administration: Paul Ashby

Present: Roger Exley, Barbara Jones, Joan Duckworth, Roger Grand, Ken Lowe, Roy Connell Jean Washbourne

Apologies: Ian Watson

#### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed Jean back to the group.

Apologies were noted as shown above.

#### **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

PA apologised for not having sent out the minutes from November 2018 which have been written and checked by HG. He will send out tomorrow.

HG read through the main points of the minutes.

HG reminded everyone that we don't have a deputy chair and that her two year term as chair will end in November 2019

Paul confirmed that we would again be using different vaccines for the Under 65 and Over 65 patients. He will check the delivery schedules and confirm dates for the flu clinics.

PA to check if it is still mandated that practices still have to have a PPG. [I cannot find anything it suggest this requirement has been removed]. Clause from 2017/18 contract

## 5.2. Patient Participation

5.2.1. The Contractor must establish and maintain a group known as a "Patient Participation Group" comprising some of its *registered patients* for the purposes of:

- (a) obtaining the views of patients who have attended the Contractor's *practice* about the services delivered by the Contractor; and
- (b) enabling the Contractor to obtain feedback from its *registered patients* about those services.

### 3. NAPP Annual Conference June 2019

HG had circulated details of this national conference in June (on a Saturday) but it was agreed that as it was in Cheltenham it was too far to go for what might be of little value.

### 4. Update on Speakers

The proposed educational talk from Renacres hospital can no longer go ahead.

Paul will speak to James from Hirshmans who has previously said he will do a talk on the role of the community pharmacist about the May date. This was previously moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9<sup>th</sup> May to accommodate Renacres so we will keep this date change open until James confirms if one date is more convenient for him.

HG has a contact at Liverpool Heart and Chest hospital that can do a talk at the July meeting

### 5. Practice Update

Paul updated on the upcoming maternity leave of Dr Shonalee Illingworth (April) and the arrival of Dr Byrne in May as a new salaried GP.

Jo is the independent prescribing pharmacist employed at the practice since the beginning of December as part of our partnership with [Ashburton Prescribing](#). The partnership is working really well and Jo is helping to relieve some of the pressure on GP time as well as providing support to the reception team. The outcome is a safer and more responsive service to our patients since fewer queries need to be routed to the GPs who are busy for most of the day with consultations.

PA highlighted the new GP contract published in January which sets a framework for five years ahead and also includes a requirement for GPs to form local networks (primary care networks or PCNs) with neighbouring practices. Each network will cover 30,000-50,000 patients though this is likely to be closer to 30,000 in the case of Southport and Formby where the networks are likely to follow the existing locality groups covering Formby, Ainsdale and Birkdale, Central Southport and North Southport.

New funding will be directed to these networks in future instead of individual practices. The GPs core contract to provide General Medical Services (GMS) is unaffected by this change.

For Ainsdale Medical Centre this means working with Ainsdale Village Surgery , The Family Surgery , The Grange and Lincoln Road Surgery. More information will be published about the PCNs at the end of March. This network already formed around a minor funding programme last year.

The network agreement will include central funding for new roles including 100% funding for Social Prescribing link workers. A role definition of this role is contained within the [BMA/NHSE joint publication on the new contract](#) Practice update from Paul Ashby

Paul also said that it could be a great opportunity for the PPGs from the five practices to combine and create one group focussed on patient education and awareness which would tie in also with the social prescribing initiatives.

Next meeting: May 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> – to be confirmed.