Patient Participation Group Wednesday 22nd January 2014

Attending: Brian Daniels, Susan Wietsher, Barry Winterbottom, Keith Emsden, Sarah Wylie, Michael Brabbs, Jean Hirst, Ronald Law, Dr Say Marsha Raynes, Becky Clowes.

Apologies: Marilyn White, Linda Bainbridge

1). Minutes of the last meeting:

2). Treasurers Report:

There is still £348 in the back account, the same as at the last meeting. We had a discussion about when the financial year is going to end, it was agreed that it would be 31st January, so the accounts would be ready for the AGM and the Practice's financial year end at the end of March. The accounts can be audited by the people in the PPG.

Dr Say offered financial support from the practice for the PPG, but it was felt that the PPG should be shelf funded. RL asked DTS if he could see if we could get any money from Lloyds, DTS was happy with this as long as the rest of the group were.

3). Patient Survey:

We have received over 100 completed questionnaires, the data from this has been collated by MTR, a group need to meeting discuss the information collected and write an action plan. MTR said that there had been a poor response from the questionnaires that had been posted out, this may have been because they were posted out over the Christmas period and also because they were not sent out with stamped addressed envelopes. A copy of the report will be given to all members of the PPG. DB thanked MTR for all her work.

4). AGM:

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 19th March at 6pm, this needs to be published amongst practice staff and patients. BD will need produce a chairperson's report and BW will need to produce a financial report for the meeting.

5). NHS Commissioning Plan for next year:

BD commented he had been at the meeting and fed back on behalf of the group.

5). PPG Networking:

SW attended the meeting yesterday; she is particularly interested in Dementia Care and the work of Admiral Nurses who work specifically with people with Dementia and their families, similar to McMillan Nurses with cancer patients. At the moment there are only 100 Admiral Nurses in the country and these are mainly based in the south, we agreed we would look into organising for someone to come and speak to us about this, maybe on afternoon so other people could be invited.

6). Health Watch Rotherham:

This is a government sponsored organisation, that reports to the Health and Wellbeing Board at RMBC, this groups works mainly with minority groups.

7). News from the Practice:

A new walking group has been set up and has met for the last two weeks.

A new receptionist is starting to cover Sophie Simonite's maternity leave.

Patients can now book on line appointments and do their repeat prescriptions online; this is currently being trailed.

DTS mentioned the new government scheme that means patient's anonomised data can be shared with other organisations, if someone does not want this to happened they need to opt out of the scheme this is causing some concern amongst patients who have been receiving leaflets through the post.

8). Physical Activity:

BW has met up with Jim Tompkin from Todwick Ramblers, who said that the Nordic walking is for younger people, and not suitable for older people, we will make sure JW is aware of this.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 19th February 2014, 6pm.