Kiveton Park Primary Care Centre Patient Participation Group

Wednesday January 18th 2017

Attendees: Keith Emsden (chair), Helen Greer-Waring, Barry Winterbottom, Alicia Higgins, Marsha Raynes, Katrina Fletcher, Jean Hirst Barbara Baker, Sandra Williams Mrs Heather Reid, Dr Reid, Becky Clowes

Apologies have been received from: Dorothy Bradley , Dr Say

1. Welcome

Keith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the November meeting were agreed as a true record (no formal meeting held in December)

3. Matters arising

None

4. Treasurers report

The balance at the bank stands at £964.10. The Treasurer and Chairman are looking into transferring the account to Barclays in the village.

5. Secretaries/Media report

The PPG Facebook page now has more people on it following a concerted effort by Marianne Bailey. The more people who access the page, the more use we can make of it.

6. News from the surgery

Patient on-line, a reminder that if people register they can do many things such as booking appointments and ordering repeat prescriptions.

From 1st March, Chemists will no longer able to order repeat prescriptions as some were ordering everything on repeat whether it was wanted by the patient or not, this lead to over-ordering.

Telephone system – having tried the new system for six months, it is clear that it's not working as it should be at the Kiveton surgery as it's 'going-down' too often. The problems don't seem to be happening at Harthill. Feedback at the meeting was that they system is not fit for purpose and patients are unhappy with it.

There is a new 'Saturday Hub' in Rotherham and Kiveton Park Surgery has offered to be one of the hubs. This means a GP will be available for 3 hours on a Saturday morning with each Hub operating on a rota basis. Patients may not see their usual GP. Each Saturday morning session will have 30 appointments and this will run for 12 weeks on a pilot basis.

7. Guest speaker – Heather Reid, C.R.Y.

Heather gave a very interesting, informative and relevant talk about the charity CRY and her personal involvement. Through lots of different fundraising efforts, three two-day screening

sessions have been run at Kiveton Park. They are always fully subscribed and have picked up patients who will benefit from further investigations.

It costs around £3.500 for each one day session and they can screen approximately 100 young people. Weekend sessions are arranged and booked three years in advance. Anyone donating to CRY can ask for their donation to be included in the ring-fenced fund in Alex's name (need to note it on the back of the cheque).

As well as running the screening sessions, CRY are leading the way in research and other areas of development.

Joe Root is now a patron for CRY.

Following the talk, the PPG agreed to have CRY as their chosen charity for the year and Keith asked everyone to think about how we can best work to raise funds for the charity.

8. Any other business

None

9. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 15 February

Guest speaker will be Dr Say, who will talk about Dementia.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm