

Minutes ASK PPG Meeting Held 15 May 2019 at Whitegate Medical Centre Room 4 at 6 p.m.

Present: Viv Critchley(VC)/Sue Ransome(SR)/Luan Stewart(LS)/Gavin Quick(GQ)/John Butler(JCB)/Adam Gee(AG)

Apologies: Anne Allen(AA)/George Ronson(GR)/Paula Duncan(PD)/Sue Stratton(SS)

Chairs Remarks: (N.B. AA had tendered apologies so JCB in chair) – JCB noted it was an interesting meeting we had last time and wondered if we had any feedback from the virtual meeting. We were advised that virtual meetings is something the NHS is pushing and that 7 Or 8 people had left comments on the meeting.

Mins Previous Meeting: Agreed by all present who had attended the meeting. (proposed SR seconded LS).

Matters Arising: I Pads are being sent to all nursing homes (1 per home) – this is to reflect the increasing use of IT.

Care Plans – Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) are still in talks with Fylde Coast Medical Services (FCMS) who hold all the notes. Palliative patients are being dealt with first. Next stage will be to deal with medical need (as opposed to providing service for a given percentage).

JCB to arrange an interview with Debbie Preston for Fylde Coast Radio.

Evening and weekend appointments are currently done through reception, as it is not in the surgeries gift to provide the service online. This is because the service is provided through Bloomfield and CCG.

Practice Update: Blackpool Council opted out of a third story to the proposed new medical centre the practice (cost factor) is building together with South King St (n.b these two surgeries are due to merge in the future). The practice has determined that with improved space management that there is a case nonetheless for a third floor and so the new plans do include a third storey.

The merger of Adelaide Street Family Practice (incorporating Harris Medical Centre) and South King St surgeries is still on track.

2 new members have been added to the reception team. In addition we have some UCLAN first year students with us for 2 weeks.

A physician associate is due to join in June, or possibly October.

A newsletter was sent out recently, and it was noted no contribution to this had been made from a PPG member, so for the next one JCB said he would provide a recipe and VC offered to contribute a poem.

GDPR (new privacy laws) – LS advised that these do not apply with regard to medical matters but for other matters (including PPG correspondence and newsletters) prior approval must have been approved so if people want to continue to receive correspondence from the surgery they need to send in their ok to continue doing so.

A discussion then took place re clinical tests by MAC. LS explained that MAC look for some people to help with their trials. The practice then looks for suitable people (i.e. meet the necessary



criteria) and send a letter out for MAC on surgery newspaper. It must be stressed though that the letter gives details of how to contact MAC and only if someone contacts MAC do MAC get to know who they are and then personal details can be provided by the individual concerned, but only then.

Way Forward: GQ advised he was stepping aside as secretary. He felt that the PPG as a PPG was not actually doing anything. He understood that LS wanted the PPG to be a place where updates can be announced and members of it selected for certain given tasks but he did not see the PPG being used as a body. He also foresees the use of virtual groups eventually becoming the norm and replacing the current face to face group.

LS stated she though the PPG had made several contributions and was productive and was a sounding board. SR said that after several years with the PPG she was still unsure about what we were supposed to do as a PPG.

Eventually GQ advised he would book the room for the next meeting (done) and send out an e-mail to all re the cvacant secretary position.

Date Next Meeting: July 17 WMC Room 4 6p.m.