

## ASK Patient Participation Group

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at Whitegate Drive.

Present:- Luan Stewart, John Butler, Adam Gee, Paula Duncan, Susan Stratton Viv Critchley

Apologies:- None

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by Viv Critchley (V.C.) and seconded by Luan Stewart (L.S.)

Adam Gee (A.G.) was present to control the Facebook Virtual PPG on his laptop.

Before the meeting proper began, John Butler (J.B.) explained to the PPG that he had recently been accepted for a Military Hearing Test, £12m funded for Hearing Tests on Ex Service Personnel.

Paula Duncan (P.D.) conveyed her thanks to Karen Williams from the practice for recently going above and beyond the call of duty recently. L.S. will pass the thanks on.

### Practice Update:-

Paramedic Jude will be leaving on August 10<sup>th</sup> to take up a position nearer to her home and family. Whether another paramedic, or a similarly qualified person will be appointed is under consideration.

Two new doctors will join the practice. Dr. Movsar Akhamatov and Dr. Nikolus Katsieris.

Debbi Preston did an interview on Fylde Radio with J.B., speaking about REMEDIES. Further interviews will take place regularly to keep listeners updated.

The merger talks with South King Street practice are ongoing.

Dr. Cruz Augustine and his wife are expecting a baby on August 10<sup>th</sup>, so Dr. Augustine will take paternity leave and Dr. Mystery will provide medical cover at this time.

### New Building Update:-

L.S. brought the plans for the new building to the meeting, and spent time explaining to the PPG the layout of each floor. It will be a 3 storey, light brickwork building with shaped windows to provide privacy in consulting rooms, and bronze frames. There will be space for minor surgery to be done on site, and car parking for 18 cars. The roof will be seagull resistant, constructed so that seagulls cannot nest upon it.

There is much consultation still to be had, and with a view to hearing first hand the thoughts and ideas of the PPG, the architects will attend the next PPG meeting. The PPG will give input from the patients point of view, and advise on aspects which the professionals may not have thought about, or had experience of.

It is very important that as many PPG members as possible attend this meeting, in order that a wide range of voices can be heard.

L.S. will supply nibbles for this meeting.

(A.G.) will organise the printing of a leaflet to be distributed to several sources and be available in Adelaide Street and Kentmere Drive waiting areas.

L.S. thanked everyone who attended the meeting before it closed at 7.00pm.

The next meeting of the PPG, with the architects, will be Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 6pm.

Venue for the meeting will be Room 4, Whitegate Drive Health Center.

Please try your utmost to attend this very important meeting.