

# Minutes of PPG Meeting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

Present: JS/CB/DS/TH/RH/JY/CT/ER/DC/ZL

Apologies: SM/GC/DC/IG

Sue is not well at the moment, she has managed to do the minutes and the newsletter, but not well enough to be here tonight so Joy doing minutes.

1. Minutes from last meeting were read and agreed.
2. Matters arising: - PRG Networking event, 2 spaces available, RH cannot go, 9.45-1.30pm, free lunch, Debs has leaflet if anyone interested need to book before 23/9/16. Golden years, we agreed to one more event with money left over, 3/10<sup>th</sup> November? It was agreed the 10<sup>th</sup>, RH will take over what Sue normally does as she will be away, he will liaise with Debs and Sue, we will contact patients nearer the time, and memory café to see if they can come.

## Agenda

1. Zanel:- Zanel from the Carers Federation came and gave talk to the group, she introduced herself, here for approximately 5 months, commissioned by NWCCG, there is an awareness that carers are often overlooked, and general practice is somewhere they would probably go in the first place, so we can identify who they are, both paid and unpaid, any age etc and can help with assessing needs. Drop in groups have been organised within Beeston area to answer any questions, we had one today and 2 patients were seen, also having group at Pearson Centre once a month for carers to come together and share ideas or just to have a break, if you speak to anyone who may be interested pass names on to Debs/Julie.
2. PRG Report – Richard gave stating AGM on 29/9/16 6.00pm-8.00pm, if anyone has any questions they would like to submit let Richard know or if anyone wants to go Richard has leaflet. At August meeting it was divulged they wanted to propose PG no longer have vote but still attend meetings, there was a lot of fuss and objections, but no longer to stop vote. Guy Mansford is also stepping down as Clinical Chairperson, a GP from Church Street practice in Eastwood is taking over, Dr Nicole Atkinson. At the Cedars day unit 2 new psychiatric units are being built. In the patient survey NW came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the whole country.
3. Annual Fundraiser:- This year we are raising money for Breast Cancer (Pink day), running tombola over two days Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, with

Coffee morning on the 20<sup>th</sup> from 10-12 noon. As much help as possible is needed, and things for tombola and raffle brought in and given to Joy.

4. AOB:- Virtual PPG, Richard is looking into this. Debs is still waiting to hear about website update.

Date of next meeting is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 1.00pm.