

RUTLAND LODGE MEDICAL PRACTICE – PPG

Minutes of the PPG Meeting held on Thursday, 3rd October, 2019

Present: MD (Chair), SK, JP, BJ, Dr Haywood. The Chair welcomed new member BD.

Apologies: CL, LH, AR, Ms MK, VB, JP, KG, Ms Paula Dearing (Practice Manager).

Minutes of the previous Meeting Held on 18th July, 2019. These were deferred to enable Dr Haywood to speak on the immediate issue as to how we might best utilise the CCG Funding that the PPG had been awarded in February, 2019. Dr Haywood had been expressly invited as the Leeds CCG Lead GP with responsibility for the care and support of children in the community. In her opening remarks she affirmed that Hospitals are tasked with providing child care and Community Services with child support. Dr. H. recalled that in the past she used to give talks to parents of young children, often ethnic minorities, and it would be possible to repeat this at Carlton Gardens or in the immediate locality as time and place for such an event were vital. A further option might be for First Aiders to be invited to provide a service and in her experience they were very good – interpreters were probably necessary and she would investigate overall costs.

Dr H. recalled that the District of Brompton by Bow, London, have run courses on awareness for children which focussed on health education which could be most effective. A further possibility, particularly aimed at Carlton might be to hold an open afternoon for Health & Safety. Linking with other Community Events might be useful where a manned stall could be provided. Half-term might provide an opportunity for an Information Pack to be produced which she felt would be available from her former Practice and would be appropriate for the Carlton area. Dr H. advised that Flu' injections are available to children – as injections or as a nasal spray.

In general Dr H. mentioned that leaflets are available for health promotion. Respiratory conditions and Asthma in children might be a possible area to focus on. We might consider a one off health promotion event – possibly allied to other local events. We might also consider holding Christmas Events in schools. In bringing her talk to a close Dr H. stated that she will contact a Presenter she knows who may offer or support further ideas.

The Chairman thanked Dr Haywood for her valued thoughts and suggestions which will be given close consideration and will look forward to her further input.

Flu' Injections. The Chair announced that 17th October is the next date for injections.

Minutes of Previous Meeting Cont. BK confirmed that AR continued to be affected by sub-standard health.

The matter of both a Practice Newsletter and a PPG Newsletter was discussed. BK offered to produce a PPG letter with the proviso that another member would assist and BJ readily agreed to help and the matter was adopted.

The PPG Poster is now displayed in the Waiting Room and is much improved although not in an easy on the eye position.

The telephone usage report was available from Paula, conclusions being that inbound calls remain high, the Practice is unable to control the usual bottle neck between 0800 and 0830, a further review will take place.

Funding Project. No progress has been made to date and the CCG has announced that it will be seeking meetings with Practices and their PPG's to establish how the awarded funding is used. It was felt that our PPG should inject more urgency into finding our way forward with use of our funding and to this end it was proposed that our next meeting should be held on 30th October.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 1900 hrs and confirmed the next meeting as 30th October, 2019 at 1700 hrs.