



Bodriggy Patient Participation Group

Patient Participation Group Meeting

10th February 2015 at 7pm

Present: Dr J.N Evans (JE), Dr Ben Penfold (BP), Anne Jones (AJ), Ryszard Zolkiewiez (RZ), Lionel Dunn (LD), David Raymer (DR), Christine Lorente (CL), Margaret Tanner (MT), Margaret Woolcock (MW)

Apologies: Lee Saunders

Welcome by DR and the minutes approved as a true record. Signed by DR Chairperson

Matters arising from previous minutes.

St Michaels Hospital

CL corrected “use it or lose it”, health watch disputed this but created the leaflet!

LD Raised the issue of increased housing.

RZ questioned the referral system. JE - RMS contacts patients and offers next available appointment or next nearest. They need to request St Michaels if appropriate.

Pioneer Project

DR said that Cally has attended the day centre, getting more people to attend, its working well. Day centre has a grant from Radio Cornwall to bring it up to spec. Waiting for new mini bus ? March.

Dementia Enhanced Service

JE clarified that they are opposed to being paid to diagnose patients. CL asked how patients were screened for dementia. JE explained the benefits of early diagnosis. CL asked re: screening programme for strokes. Could we do more? No national programme. JE - there are lots of checks done opportunistically. We still don't get the patients in that would benefit from checks. DR - 18th April “Stroke Prevention Day” at Asda. People will have the opportunity to have their Blood Pressure taken and advised to go to the surgery if raised.

Touch Screens

LD has obtained information from the Director of Infection Control at Derriford and we are fulfilling guidelines:-

- Cleaned daily
- Hand gels near monitor

Will follow up if a prompt on the screen to use hand gels would be possible

Increase in Housing

DR - Has the surgery the capacity to take an increase in patients? JE- Depends on the numbers built, no evidence this has been thought of in any plans. CL - Do we need another surgery in Hayle? JE - This is a consideration but no funding available. DR - Plans available to be seen at Hayle Town Council.

Agenda Items:

Dose of Nature

BP talked about "Dose of Nature" gardening project. The garden is just outside Lelant, including woodland walks etc. enabling people to get involved and have access to the outside. Dose of Nature is a research project looking at how spending time outdoors benefits people, either to relax or learn skills that will improve their sense of wellbeing. The project is financing a process to measure people's response. Up to £5,000 is available from April 2015 for 6 months or longer. Transport is the biggest barrier. They are looking for someone to co-ordinate the scheme and get people to the venue. They are trying to link in with other organisations to get the use of a mini bus. DR suggested the memory café at St Ives and the Youth Trust, both of which have access to transport. MT- Heather Lane has a similar project with transport. DR - receives information on grants available and is happy to pass this information on.

Community Nursing Team

Due to the lack of resources they are unable to do Chronic Disease checks on housebound patients. Dr Slater has written to Peninsula Community Health to express her concern. PPG wish to support this and Doctor will contact. SJ to find out who the PPG should write to.

Any other business

Podiatry Service

CL - Concerned regarding access to Podiatry and routine screening as there are high number of amputees. AJ Explained how the system works. All diabetics are referred to Podiatry for an initial assessment. They continue to see high risk patients, low risk patients are reviewed by the Practice Nurses at their diabetic checks. Unfortunately many patient present late. We continue to educate patients at every opportunity but again we are not always seeing the patients we need to see. All diabetics can self-refer to Podiatry. There is a Hot Foot clinic available for acute access.

Hayle Food Bank

MT - Boxes are at Co-op and Asda. Farmers are giving fresh veg, giving a well-balanced diet. DR - Devon and Cornwall Food Association give chilled goods. There may be another contact. Trading standards are looking at meals at the Day Centre to ensure good nutritional value.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 14th April at 3.30pm