



## **Minutes of the Patient Participation Group Meeting held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

(As our Chairman, Graham Perry, was unable to chair this meeting, Angela Lovell agreed to step in as Chair on this occasion.)

### **Present:**

Angela Lovell (Chair), Maureen Gladwin, John West, Rosemary Evans, Sheila Dale, Rosaline Shunmoogum, John Needham, Gill Needham, Jane Hanlon (Practice Manager), Dr Paul Staten (GP), Dr Huda Muhsin (GP), Gordon Lovell, Anne Nash, Fay Read, Sylvia Ellwood, Michael Whitehand, Judith Westell, Nigel Vaughan and John Neale.

### **Apologies:**

Christine Cartwright, Jane Norton, Bonnie Twynham, Sandra and John Agnew, Carolyn McIver and Robert Lea.

*All present introduced themselves and patients attending the PPG meetings for the first time were welcomed.*

### **Adoption of Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011 were agreed as being an accurate record of the meeting.

### **Matters Arising:**

#### **Plans for intermediate meetings – Self-help topics/topical conditions**

As Graham wasn't able to chair the meeting it was decided to leave this for discussion at the August PPG meeting.

*(Action: Graham to bring up at the August PPG meeting.)*

### **Future Guest Speakers**

Hazel Staten has very kindly agreed to speak at our August PPG meeting and when the title of her talk is known, it will be announced on the PPG notice board.

### **Fundraising Event – Midsummer Madness, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

It was reported that the PPG tables were very popular and the PPG funds have increased by £302, £66 of which was from Sylvia's 'guess the name of the doll' and personal sales. Thanks were extended to all who donated items, to Judith and Fay

who priced most of them, to Jane, Sandra, John A, Ann, Christine, Sylvia, John N, Betty, Angela and Gordon who volunteered their time on the day as the sales team and to all who came and made purchases.

*We had wanted a sunny day! We got it. It was so hot!*

### **Osteoporosis – Self Help Group**

Bonnie Twynham was unable to attend the meeting and in her absence Jane agreed to update the group on what progress Bonnie has made. A discussion paper, written by Bonnie and entitled "Support for Osteoporosis Patients within the Milton Keynes Area, was circulated to those present. The aim is to develop this support group from the Red House PPG to all 15 GP practices within the Premier MK Consortium and eventually across Milton Keynes. Jane reported that contact has been made with Dr Jenkins, Consultant Rheumatologist at Milton Keynes Hospital, to see if she would take the role of professional advisor and she has agreed to meet with Bonnie shortly.

### **GP Update**

Dr Staten reported that the 7 am Thursday Early Bird appointments commenced on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011 involving nurses and doctors and provided 6 ½ hours of additional service. This proved to be successful.

It was reported that 2 additional GP Practices in Milton Keynes have now joined Premier MK bringing its strength to 15 GP practices.

Physiotherapy Services: These are to be retained within the GP practices with some adjustments to coverage but negotiations are on-going and a further tendering process is underway.

Dr Staten gave a comprehensive update regarding the new developments with what are now called clinical commissioning groups instead of consortia. The pct have joined a "cluster" with Northampton. John Parkes is now the CEO. There is a heavy emphasis on peer review and new ways of thinking to reduce spend. This will involve rationing.

Budgets have been cut again and far from making savings the budgets are already overspent!

### **Date of next meetings**

- Core Group Meeting - Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 at 12.30 pm.
- PPG meeting - Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August at 6.15 pm.