



## **Minutes of the Patient Participation Group Meeting held on Tuesday, 14 June 2011**

***Carolyn McIver was asked and kindly agreed to take the Chair as Graham Perry was unable to chair this meeting. Having not been able to attend the meetings for a year, Carolyn mentioned that she was delighted to see so many present at the meeting.***

### **Present:**

Carolyn McIver (Chair), Michael Whitehand, Sylvia Ellwood, Betty Moon, Rosi Shunmoogum, Sandra Agnew, John Agnew, Ann Lark, Lyn Davies, John Neale, Gordon Lovell, Toni Rampello, Anne Nash, Christine Cartwright, Fay Read, Judith Westell, Jane Hanlon (Practice Manager), Dr Bunting, Dr Marchand and Angela Lovell.

### **Apologies:**

Jane Norton, Graham Perry, Robert Lea, Nigel Vaughn, Dr Staten and Dr Muhsin.

### **Adoption of Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 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 July PPG meeting.

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

### **Guest Speakers:**

The guest speakers, Ann Lark who is Head of Operations and Services and Mr Lyn Davis, both from Age UK Milton Keynes were introduced. They gave excellent and very informative talks about the large range of services provided by Age UK Milton Keynes and answered questions from PPG members. Free fact sheets and information on the services available can be obtained by phoning their local office, telephone number (01908) 550700. Information is also available on their local website – [www.ageukmiltonkeynes.org.uk](http://www.ageukmiltonkeynes.org.uk). The Chair and all present thanked Ann and Lyn for their excellent contribution to the meeting and they were given the usual gift voucher as a token of appreciation.

## **GP Update**

In the absence of Dr Staten, Dr Bunting mentioned that there was not much to add with regards progress on the GP Consortia. This was particularly relevant because the Government made changes to their NHS plans, which were only announced on the day of the PPG meeting.

Dr Bunting reported that the PCT have agreed the early morning appointments on Thursdays, which will commence on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011. One disappointment was that Health Care Assistants cannot be employed – it has to be a doctor or a nurse.

It was reported that there had been a meeting of physiotherapists the previous Friday and Belinda, the Practice physiotherapist, will update the GP's on Thursday, 16 June as to what was discussed. An update of the situation regarding physiotherapy will be given at the next PPG meeting.

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

Arrangements for this event were discussed, details below:-

- A risk assessment will need to be completed. Carolyn will deal with this.
- Judith and Fay agreed to do their final pricing of items for sale on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June.
- Jane and her husband will be taking the items for sale to Leon Rec on the Sunday morning.
- Gordon to put up banner above our tables.
- Sandra, Rosi, Jane, Ann and Angela will meet there at 11 am.
- During the day, Sandra, Rosi, John, Christine, Sylvia, Carolyn, Betty, Anne, Jane and Angela, together with other willing helpers who can spare the time, will man the tables.
- Sylvia brought in a doll for 'Guess its name', price £1 per go.
- Cakes to be left at the surgery on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June or taken directly to our cake table on the day.
- Plants can either be taken to the surgery or direct on the day.
- Also required will be chairs (*following the meeting Ann kindly offered to bring some on the day*), new plastic bags, hand wipes, gloves, banqueting roll or tablecloths.

We now need a sunny day!

## **Future Guest Speakers**

We were keen to have suggestions as to future guest speakers so that they can be asked well in advance to enable us to have a planned programme of speakers. It was previously agreed that we should invite Hazel Staten, who will talk about Leukaemia, to be our speaker at our August PPG meeting. Other suggested topics were:-

Hypnotherapy  
Breast Care  
Diabetes  
Osteoporosis

Dementia  
Endocrinology

*(Invitation to be sent to Hazel Staten and contact to be made with speakers on other topics.)*

**Date of next meetings**

Core Group Meeting - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 12.30 pm.

PPG meeting - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 6.15 pm.