

HIGH FIELD SURGERY – PATIENT REFERENCE GROUP

Minutes of the Patient Reference Group held on Tuesday 17 January 2017 commencing at 6.30pm

Present: Chair - (CG).
(CA), (BA), (DM), (DP), (LW), (MK), (GB), (LB),
Practice Manager - Mike Holmes (MH)

1. Apologies and Introduction

Apologies: (TA), (MA), (KB), (MI), (SW),

2. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting 13 September 2016 were approved.

3. Clinical Research – Guest Speaker

Maggie Peat (Lead Research Nurse/Manager) Harrogate Hospital spoke about the background to clinical research in the NHS, including why and how it takes place and how it is funded and organised. She also explained the role Patient Research Ambassadors undertake within the process and how patients can get involved in this role.

MH gave a brief summary of how High Field Surgery contributes as part of a research cluster involving another practice and how we recruit patients to various studies.

MH will share further details with the group by email once received from Maggie including how to get involved as a research ambassador.

4. News Update

MH gave a further update on the midweek extended hours (CCG scheme) and the weekend opening service (New NHS scheme). The practice expects the midweek service to end on 30 March due to the withdrawal of funding from the CCG. The 2 year pilot has been extremely successful but there is no funding to replace the CCG contribution. The group discussed the impact this would have on patient access. Further details will be shared by email so the group can assist with ideas towards communication to the wider patient population.

CQC Report – a brief discussion on the recent CQC visit to the practice and subsequent report; which had already been shared. The group felt the practice deserved an outstanding rating instead of Good!

Holt Park Medical Practice Closure – the CCG will discuss the application for Holt Park to close at its board meeting on 7 February in Pudsey which the public can attend. Holt Park have liaised well with us throughout the consultation and we have no objections. High Field will be able to absorb patients who wish to transfer, although it is very difficult to tell how many patients may wish to move in this “second tranche”. The group was keen to understand the impact increased patient numbers may have and that this would be under constant review.

CCG PPG meeting Elland Road – KB attended a very successful meeting of PPG’s run by the CCG at Elland Road with ideas for moving the group forward. We will pick this up at future meetings.

4. Future Guests

Following tonight’s guest, we briefly discussed a proposal from GB to invite guests from various backgrounds/sectors who could give us insight or even kickstart future PPG work. This discussion will be carried forward.

5. Any other business

- LW raised and recommended the programme of Patient training available in 2017 by our local CCG. MH will share the details and timetable by email.

6. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 25 April 2017.

CG thanked everyone for attending

The meeting closed at 7.30pm