

KINGS CORNER SURGERY Patients' Participation Group

Minutes of the meeting Tuesday 30th April 2013

Present: Peter Bateson (Chair), Pat Morris (Minutes), Sally Hanson, Russ Howell, Jan Olenjniczak, Harry Ruprah, Peter Standley, Philip Shelley.

Dr Whitfield, Dr Choudry, Dr Hamid and Clare McAteer represented the surgery, with Dr McGlynn invited for item 4 on the Agenda.

Apologies: Christine Weightman (Secretary), Spike Humphrey.

1. Arising from the previous meeting and items 1-3 on the Agenda:

All were subsequently covered in discussion or deferred until the next meeting.

2. Heatherwood Hospital issues.

The main business of the meeting was to hear from Jackie McGlynn what the current situation is with Heatherwood, especially since the PCT has been disbanded and the new local NHS governance structure is in place.

Jackie explained that, in response to local pressure, Heatherwood would not be closed. However, local discussion had focussed on what would not happen there (e.g. maternity services) and failed to address properly what facilities would be offered at Heatherwood instead. She, and the Practice were supportive of the "Shaping the Future" strategy, now approved at a recent public meeting.

The plan is to develop elective surgery there and relieve pressure on the Wexham site. Heatherwood already has operating theatres (needing some upgrading to be an elective surgery centre) and associated beds.

There are also currently discussions between Frimley Park Hospital and Heatherwood and Wexham to investigate a possible acquisition of HWWP by Frimley. These discussions are now at the stage of a detailed review of the finances and they are expected to make a decision in 3 months time. It was felt that this acquisition if it happens would be positive for health services to patients in the area and was supported by the Surgery staff.

Some local Councillors were apparently opposed to the proposals in Shaping the Future and wished to speak directly to PPG members in order to explain their position. The PPG is unclear as to what they want, and it would appear perverse if we were to refuse to speak with our own elected representatives.

It was therefore agreed that:

1. The Kings Corner PPG supported the Practice view on future developments (in line with "Shaping the Future" and possible focus on elective surgery at Heatherwood), but reiterated its concern regarding the

need for community support locally.

2. The Chairman would invite one or more Councillors to meet a sub-group of the PPG (excluding Practice staff) at an early date. **Action Peter B.**

3. Other issues arising.

Ally Green would be asked to draft a one-page factual statement regarding Heatherwood suitable for the website. **Action: Clare/Peter B**

The position of Magnolia House PPG in respect of Heatherwood and the local councillors was unclear and the Chairman would clarify. **Action: Peter B.**

Sally expressed concern that the PPG was intended to be a Patients' support group and we had spent much time recently discussing other issues, particularly local NHS reorganisation and the future of Heatherwood. Many King's Corner patients would probably also be concerned about these matters and want us to do so as well. However, as these issues move on, perhaps we should refocus our attention more directly on the Practice and its patients.

4. Practice survey

The results of this year's patients' questionnaire survey had been circulated in brief and would be discussed next time, as would issues relating to local ambulance services.

5. "PPG Awareness Week" June 1-8, 2013.

Our contribution is yet to be determined, perhaps coordinating our actions with those of Magnolia House PPG. Details from NAPP have recently been received and a notice board is available in the surgery for any relevant material. **Action: Peter B/All**

5. AoB

Novel provisions for local health could be financed through the "Innovative Fund". This seeks annual bids for money and the PPG is invited to think of suitable projects that might attract support from the Fund. (current recipients include projects to provide special immediate physiotherapy for back problems and sports injuries, which is normally compromised by delays in provision). **Action: All**

6. Next Meetings (at Kings Corner, 6.30pm).

Scheduled for 23rd May (before SPAE meeting in Ascot)

Provisionally June 17th.

