

Minutes PPG Meeting – 12.03.2018

Present: Atiya Alam-Jones (Practice Manager), Dawn Riley (Deputy Manager), Tessa Parkin, Alan Smith, David & John (Chester Male Choir).

Apologies: Sarah Johnson, Jane Ashworth, Michael Hemmerdinger, Elizabeth Hughes, Valerie Brett, Sarah Judson, Patricia Vincent, Mary Taylor, Faith Fletcher, Jayne Muspratt

Welcome: Atiya thanked everyone for coming.

Guest Speakers David & John from Chester Male Choir

Dave and John updated us on the background of the choir which has been running for 75 years. At the moment they currently have 45 members but ideally they need 60 members and are currently recruiting. There is a £90.00 joining fee for the year which can be paid off in 3 instalments. They are also very keen to work with the Elms and the other Practices in the building to come to the Fountains Health and sing whilst also promoting health awareness alongside other charities.

We are hoping this can be organised in May 2018. They greatly believe that singing is good for your wellbeing and could help with mental health. I have attached their flyer for further information and contact details.

PPG Chair

Andrew Paterson has resigned due to outside commitments. Moving forward Atiya and Dawn will carry on hosting and organising the agendas for meetings and the PPG will carry on fundraising for the Children's furniture for our waiting area. However, if any member has a desire to take over as Chair please let myself or Atiya know via elms.medicalcentre@nhs.net.

Elms News Changes as of 1st April 2018

We are pleased to announce that Dr Oliver Jackson will become a GP Partner from 1st April 2018. Dr Jackson will also be taking over the care of our Nursing Home patients at Chester Lodge.

Dr Lowrie & Dr McNutt have made the decision to reduce their sessions. Dr Lowrie will be working Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Dr McNutt will be working Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

We are also delighted to announce that Dr Joanna Cleeton will be joining the practice as a Salaried GP from 2nd April 2018 and will be working **Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

Our Blacon Clinics as of 1st April 2018 (Please note these are subject to change):

Monday:	Dr Snowden	PM
Tuesday:	Dr Gardner	AM
Wednesday:	Dr Magrath	AM
Thursday:	Dr Cleeton	PM
Friday:	Dr Lowrie	PM

Cheshire West Carers Support Service

Cheshire and Warrington Carers Trust won the bid to be the main provider of services for carers in our area and have been allocated funding for the next 3 years. The Carers Trust 4all vision is 'To ensure every carer is recognised, supported and offered services to help maintain their own health and wellbeing.' For further information regarding the new changes and services please see the attached Quarterly Newsletter February – April 2018.

Agenda items received from PPG Members - No Items received

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We had a new member join the PPG Mr Alan Smith and he currently works part time for Here and Now which is a not for Profit company at the Heart of the Community. Here and Now Chester Limited operates as a Social enterprise funded by Cheshire West and Chester Council and Avenue Services and Sanctuary Housing. It delivers digital learning to the older members of the Community and the project runs in partnership with Brightlife which is funded by the Big Lottery Fund. Here and Now is the lead organisation in Chester in delivering digital learning to the older members of the Community. Its aims are to bring socially isolated people together in a friendly and relaxed environment in various locations in Chester with other activities such as keep fit, playing games and crafting. Alan would also like to work with the Elms and the other Practices at Fountains Health to organise and hold a digital buddies session for our over 50's patients on using computers and how to access Patient Online Services within the Practice.

If you would like more information please contact:

Tel: 07933449001 / 01244 379651

Visit: www.hereandnowchester.com

PPG Meetings scheduled for 2018/2019:

Please note we had previously agreed to trial the meetings @ 3:30PM but this was not suiting everyone so we are going back to the 4:00PM start time.

PPG MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2018/2019

Monday 14th May 2018 @ 4:00PM

Monday 9th July 2018 @ 4:00PM

Monday 10th September 2018 @ 4:00PM

Monday 12th November 2018 @ 4:00PM

Monday 14th January 2019 @ 4:00PM

This will also be displayed in the surgery and our website.