

LANGDON HILLS MEDICAL CENTRE

MINUTES OF PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING

21ST SEPTEMBER 2012

Present:	Julie Coker	Pam Coleman
	Elizabeth Parker	Geoffrey Parker
	Lesley Street	Trevor Taylor
	Barbara Allen	Christine Dawson
	Dr. B. Salako	Diane Osborn

J.C. welcomed everyone to the meeting.

T.T. stated that he thought the correct way to start the meetings would be to discuss matters arising from the last meeting and this should be the first item on the Agenda in future. The group agreed.

J.C. asked if B.A. had heard from Adam Cronin or Lorraine Lockwood regarding her representing MSK network. B.A. said she had not heard from them. B.S. asked D.O. to send a memo to Adam on her behalf. J.C. asked if anyone knew if Tim Young had received anything regarding him representing our group and L.S. said he had not. J.C. said we needed to keep abreast of things in order to take matters to the next level.

B.S. gave an update and said the group should be getting together with other PPGs. It was agreed to ask David Thomson to arrange a meeting with the heads of the CCG and D.O. is to write him a letter. The group asked if David could attend our next meeting. D.O. to arrange with him.

J.C. read a newspaper cutting to the group from a local newspaper in Norfolk advertising their PPG. J.C. thought it would be a good idea to advertise our PPG in one of our local newspapers. E.P. thought the Recorder would be the best one. It was thought that an article rather than an advertisement might be more appropriate. It was suggested that J.C. or B.S. should be the interviewees. However, care should be taken that the group's profile is seen as positive and not purely a "moaning panel". T.T. said he thought J.C. should be the contact for the group and J.C. agreed to speak to Marguerite and D.O. regarding the article.

It was suggested that details of the PPG should be put on the TV screen in the waiting room and T.T. said he would look into it.

D.O. said that she had received a communication from another patient who would like to join the PPG. J.C. asked the group if they were happy for another member and they agreed.

D.O. brought up the subject of the group being self-managed as it was common practice that other PPGs are organised by the patients themselves. J.C. was concerned that the group would be left to manage by itself but D.O. assured them that either herself, Marguerite or B.S. would attend every meeting. D.O. asked if a member of the group would be willing to take the minutes. It was decided that the subject would be discussed at a later meeting and J.C. thought it was a good idea to appoint a Secretary. J.C. suggested that the dates for meetings for the next 12 months should be arranged in advance at the next meeting.

T.T. advised that the TV in the waiting room is not running at the moment and he would look into rectifying it. He said that not all the photographs had been taken yet but would liaise with Marguerite on her return from holiday.

T.T. said he saw an advertisement in the local paper for Breathe-Easy but B.S. said he had not seen any communications and was not aware.

B.A. informed the group of the Sporting Village facilities and that they were accessible via a GP referral. L.J. said she was happy to pick up information package as we have no knowledge. B.S. said he would contact them also for information.

J.C. brought to the attention of the members that there is an active Parkinsons Group in Grays. B.S. said that Grays is out of our area but there is one in Billericay. T.T. is to put details on the TV screen. J.C. asked if dementia information can also be displayed on the T.V.

B.S. stated that he meets with Social Workers and that he would supply telephone numbers to be added to T.V. screen to assist carers, respite, etc. B.S. said that information on St. Lukes should also be added.

The next meeting has been set for Friday 23rd November 2012 at 1.00p.m.

A meeting for Friday 11th January 2013 at 1.00p.m. has been provisionally set.

