**Huntingdon Road Surgery Patient group**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday 17 September 2015 6.30 to 8.30**

**Present:** Dr Connan, Dr Flinn, Sarah-Jane Cousins (Office manager), Richard Catchpole, Rosemary Gallagher, Pamela McNeill, Jennifer Knights, Peter Teich, Patrick Shandas. Neil Scott Anderson, Kate Lawrance, Richard Woraine, Vanessa Connolly, Robert Sanders, Jackie Sanders, David Faulkner, Maureen Cundy

Before opening the proceedings formally, the Chair proposed that the term,s “Patient Participation Group’ and ‘PPG’ be replaced by the term “Patient Group’, and that references to ‘the Core group’ be replaced by ‘the Committee’. This was agreed.

1. **Minutes of AGM 2014**: these had been circulated previously, and were agreed.

2. **Election of Committee members** : in the absence of further nominations, the outgoing team were re-elected:

Vanessa Connolly (co-opted)

David Faulkner (chair)

Jackie Grimshaw (secretary)

Yvonne Higgons (editor, publicity)

Robert Sanders (Vice-chair)

Dr Peter Connan (ex-officio)

3. **Dr.Connan’s report** was devoted principally to explaining the practice’s decision to apply for assent to opening a full pharmacy in Girton (full details on the practice’s website). The meeting was enthusiastically in support of this initiative, and a vote in favour was passed unanimously. (The Chair subsequently conveyed this message in a letter to the relevant authority).

4.  **The Chair’s Annual Report** (this is appended as a separate document).

5. **Guest speaker: Andrea Grosbois,** Head of Communications at UnitingCare, gave a stimulating half-hour presentation on ‘The Future of Local NHS services’, emphasising the need to keep people away from hospital if they don’t need to be there, the importance of providing services to keep people independent, and when people are admitted to hospital ensuring that they return home quickly and safely. Changes so far include the creation of 17 neighbourhood teams integrating community, mental health and social care (further detail on [unitingcare.co.uk](http://unitingcare.co.uk)).

6. The meeting concluded with the showing of a short film (13 minutes) produced by Cambridgeshire Hearing Help and filmed in Cambridge (also available to watch on their website) raising awareness of how to communicate with people suffering from hearing loss.

7. **Future meetings:** Committee: 30 Sep practice’s website, 14 Oct to plan future programme, Patient Group 18 or 25 Nov, subsequently agreed Wed 25 Nov.