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**PPG Meeting at Huntingdon Road Surgery Minutes.**

**Wednesday 30th July 2014.**

**Present**: Richard Catchpole, Ingrid Pryor, Tony Bateman, Daphne Thompson, Celia Lindsay (Chairperson), David Faulkner (Acting Chairperson), Jackie and Robert Sanders, F. Buck, Sue Woolsey, Jean Sanders, Barbara Wood, Jillian Wilkinson, Sue Britain, Shane Guy, Lesley Guy, Janet Chapman, Nigel Chapman, Cheryl Benton, Diana Ranken, John Ranken, A.K. Bateman, Ken Simpson, Peter Chapple, Cllr Tom Bycott, Kate Lawrance, Joan Slater, Ann Eusden, Jan Daniels, Val Cooper, Josie and Charles Dawson, D.J.Hodson, J. Drew, Maureen Cundy, Lois Mears, Vanessa Connelly, Rod Eusden, Diana Lowes, Gwen Harwell, Peter Teich, Veronica Becko, June Wilmers, Doug Whittle, Sarah Irish, Peter and Pamela Seaber, Doreen Pettit, Daphne Lambert, Jean and Peter Gray, Bob and Heidi Lloyd, Jackie Grimshaw (Secretary). Sue Gardner, Richard Woodisse.

**Practice staff**: - Dr Byrne, Dr Peter Connan

1. **Apologies**: Jean Jeans, Patrick Shamdas, Pippa Temple, Charles Mather, George Webb, Byron Willmore, Judith Lewins, Alison Pegrum, Yvonne Higgons, Jean Morrison.
2. **Minutes of last meeting**: Accepted.
3. **Matters arising**: None.
4. **Update for the Chairperson**: Celia welcomed the large number of people attending who were not members of the PPG but had come along to hear more about item 6 on the Agenda She hoped they would consider joining the PPG after the meeting. Celia informed the meeting that she was resigning as Chair as she would be moving away. Yvonne Higgons will represent the PPG at the CATCH meetings and David Faulkner will be the Acting chair until the AGM on Wednesday 24th September 2014.

Celia introduced Mark Trollop to the meeting. He is an experienced Pharmacist at Girton surgery.

1. **Possible cuts to support the range of services that GP practices currently provide**: Celia explained to the meeting that a petition is being made to government to protest about the cuts to GP funding. The cuts could affect the provision of GP services to cover such as Practice nurses or the ability to pay for locum staff to cover absence. The Royal College of GPs and the National Association of Patient Participation (PPG) are working together to raise awareness of what is happening and has asked patients to sign the petition they have organised called “ Put Patients First” If people want to sign this there are some forms in the surgery and it can also be found on line <http://www.rcgp.org.uk/campaign-home/resources.aspx>

Dr Connan informed the meeting that the surgery was trying to prevent services being cut by working more efficiently and doing things differently. The practice was concerned the petition was political and did not want to lead on this issue, but accepted the PPG wanted to raise patients’ awareness of the possible impact and inform them of what they could do to prevent services potentially being cut. There was insufficient time to discuss due to the inclusion of item 6.

1. **Proposal to approve opening a new pharmacy in Girton**: Dr Connan thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He explained why there was a dispensary at Pepys Way surgery covering Girton village up to the A14 bridge. There has been an application by Day Lewis to the County Council to open a pharmacy in Girton. The practice is concerned that if this is accepted the dispensary at Girton surgery would have to close and this would question seriously the viability of having the practice at Pepys Way.

The surgery is not allowed to dispense under a mile from the nearest pharmacy, which is on Histon Road.

A feasibility survey on the need for additional pharmacies in Cambridge was completed this year, the conclusion to this was there was not a need in this area. 7 years ago an application for a pharmacy in Thornton Way was made and this was not accepted. Some people acknowledged having a pharmacy in the village was a good idea, but not at the expense of the GP surgery.

Patients’ comments would help formulate a response from the PPG/Practice to SERCO by 9th August 2014.

**Types of questions asked**:

If the Pepy’s Way surgery closes how will Huntingdon Road surgery cope with the extra patients coming from Girton?

Would the bus service be adequate for patients in Girton needing to go to Huntingdon Road surgery?

Could the practice run a pharmacy at Pepy’s Way?

Where would the new pharmacy be based?

What can patients do to support Pepy’s Way surgery staying open?

How will patients keep updated of what is happening?

There was huge support to keep Girton Surgery open in this meeting, this will be put in the response letters to SERCO from the PPG and the Practice. Individuals can also write to SERCO.

1. **Q&A in relation to surgery and PPG**: It was agreed that the practice would try to and improve communication by using the website, posters in the surgery, PPG Newsletters, PPG membership, using the Girton Parish newsletter.
2. **AOB**: 111 – a member of the meeting expressed their concern about the amount of questions used when using this service and taking so long, before referring on to the appropriate service. GPs also have questions about the 111 service. It was agreed that this experience needs feeding back to commissioning group – Celia agreed to do this.
3. **Date of next meeting**:

AGM – Wednesday 24th September 2014 at Huntingdon Road Surgery form 6:30pm until 8:15pm.