

Minutes of the Meeting of Castle Medical Group PPG, held on Tuesday 7th November 2023 at CMG

In attendance: Clive Caulfield; Peter Clement; Martin Cooper; Sue English; Tony Green; Paddy Miles; Bhiku Mistry; Michael Phillips; Renee Robinson; Lesley Salter; Jennie Caukwell.

1 Apologies for absence

Pulendran Arasaradnam; Brenda Hall; Hugh Hall; Carol Land; Paul Boddington; Karen Wesson; Hilary Mercer.

2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th September 2023

The minutes were accepted as a true record. Proposed Michael Phillips, Seconded Lesley Salter.

3 Matters Arising

- i) It was agreed that the PPG would look at taking part in the annual Sports day in 2004. MC had spoken with the organiser and agreed we could participate. Concern was expressed re general fundraising - TG noted that any fundraising would be closely focused.
- ii) A whatsapp group for PPG members had been considered, but it was felt that the current use of emails was sufficient.
- iii) Issue of support group for SEN?Autism was discussed. Identified that carers could be a group. TG undertook to investigate. JC undertook to look at community initiatives. **TG/JC**
- iv) TG thanked all those who had volunteered for the flu vaccination days for their excellent work.

4 Report on Fundraising

TG noted that the usual methods of fundraising were no longer fruitful. MP noted he had a contact and TG undertook to let him have the "shopping List" for the extension of space for the Practice.

- i) Leaflets. TG noted this was a proposal by HM. To defer to next meeting. **HM**
- ii) Information sessions had proved of little use in attracting members/interest in the PPG.
- iii) Keller Construction. A contact via HH - to defer to next meeting. **HH**

PC suggested the U3A had speakers at their events - often with 90-100 people. MC noted he was also a memembr and PC undertook to let him have the contact to try and achieve a speaker slot. BM suggested having display material if MC had a speaker slot. **PC/MC**

Use of Ashby Life discussed - JC noted that PPG was mentioned in the CMG section, but free words limited to 250. PC suggested Our Community Voice as a possible medium.

5 Report of the Chair

MC reported as follows:

- the flu clinics had reached nearly 2000 patients. Many people had questioned the lack of dual vaccinations with Covid. This was discussed and it was noted that the PPG had written to the COO of the Federation, (who had decided on the single Hub approach), to enable CMG with more vaccines. A reply had been received, but not answering the request.

It was noted that the development of the Federation was indicating an increased centralisation.

- MC explained his involvement in the Neighbourhood Plan consultations and his efforts to ensure Health and Wellbeing was included in the plan - this had not been in the initial proposals. MC asked JC for data to help support submissions. JC noted that there were 17,900 patients and a total of 6.3 FTE Doctors. JC agreed to send to MC more data. MC noted that a comparison of Doctor/Patient ratios would be helpful, if such data was available.

JC

6 Report of CMG

JC presented the report for the CMG and highlighted the following:

- Outline of recent staff changes
- flu data
- covid data
- access to medical records - now from 1/11/23.
- staff competency sign off
- review of drug stock and policies. It was noted that there were national shortages in some areas. LS noted recent reports re new drugs re breast cancer. JC noted that any changes to policy or new developments in prevention would come down from NHS England.
- contract assurance process
- PCN Engagement meeting and Community Health Wellbeing plan

Members are invited to read the slides presented by JC attached to these minutes

7 Any Other Business

Item to be deferred until meeting in January

9 Date of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 9th January 2024, at 11.00am at CMG.