

APPLETON VILLAGE SURGERY

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

NOTES OF THE MEETING ON 26th JANUARY 2017

Present

Diane McCormick (Chair)
Anita Corrigan (Practice Manager)
Dr C I Schofield
Chris Sheen
Gill Shepherd
Dawn Nichols

Maureen Kerry-Lewis
Victoria Morton
Des Chow (Halton CCG)
Mike Simpson (PCC advisor)
Linda O'Neill (Secretary)

Apologies

Kristine Pluger, (Wellbeing)

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

Diane welcomed the group and apologies were noted. The group has a new member, Victoria Morton.

A welcome was extended to Mike Simpson, Primary Care Commissioning Advisor.

2. Primary Care Commissioning

Mike Simpson, Primary Care Commissioning (PCC), an independent provider of practical support to the NHS attended to make a presentation to help the group understand how the NHS commissions services. A copy of his presentation is attached.

Discussion followed the presentation when Mike answered questions raised particularly around support for the Practice's move into new premises.

Q. Do GP Practices become integrated with other services?

A. Increasingly the way things are going but not one size fits all.

Q. Who is available to help GPs through the process of moving premises? Everyone seems to be working against the plan rather than for it.

A. There are a lot of issues to overcome. The move has got approval and is in the CCG Estates Strategy so that is one hurdle over.

- Q. Why have other surgeries have been able to move into LIFT buildings which are very expensive?
- A. These were driven through due to the political implications. A developer will fund the building and his return will be from a pharmacy and the rent from GP surgeries. The capital outlay is with the developer.
- Q. It has been stated that future Primary Care Premises will need to be utilised 24/7. Is this feasible?
- A. GP premises are paid for by the taxpayer, ie are paid for by other clinical services. 24/7 is just a phrase to say the premises must be better utilised. The CCG has to decide what services are needed.
- Q. In order for the surgery to relocate we need to have Commissioners on side and the Commissioners don't appear to want this project.
- A. The Commissioners have not made a decision because the practice has not submitted an application.
- Q. Is the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) going to have any effect.
- A. I don't know enough about STP to comment.
- Q. What will happen to our patients if the practice closes due to retirement of GPs?
- A. The CCG would have to disperse them to other practices.
- Q. What could Commissioners do to help with the lease of the new premises?
- A. The agreement with the developer is nothing to do with the CCG. The terms of the lease are between the Practice and the Developer.
- NHS Property Services can provide advice. You could ask for a break clause with the developer. NHS involvement is with the lease costs. Having someone to hold a head lease is an option.
- Q. The CCG should realise there are 10,000 patients who need a GP surgery. Is it worth asking the question if the CCG will need to have something in place if the contract ended due to retirement?
- A. The CCG would probably set up a care-taker.
- Q. There is little support, advice and guidance for the GP from the CCG.

- A. The CCG has no contract with the developer, it is the GPs business.
- Q. If there is enough pressure from patients can you visualise it going in our favour?
- A. Not sure it would make a difference as they have to work within their financial constraints.
- Q. Would moving to the Urgent Care Centre be an option?
- A. Wouldn't want to lose the Practice identity.
- Q. Where are all the GPs for all the new housing being built?
- A. Look at Halton Premises Estates Strategy (via Google).

3. Ratification of minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted and approved.

4. Patient Comments/Compliments

The Friends & Family Test result for December was 95.3% of patients who responded would recommend the surgery.

5. Round the table/Any Other Business

5.1 Wellbeing Enterprises

The January-April Wellbeing Programme of Activities was circulated to members. Copies will be displayed in the waiting room.

5.2 Premises Update

It is anticipated that patient engagement will start next month with every household attached to the surgery receiving a letter inviting patients to a meeting. Information will be put on the website and a practice newsletter has been drafted and will be issued every season. Councillors and the MP will be written to.

5.3 Halton Peoples Health Forum

The next Halton People's Health Forum will be held in early February. There will be presentations on STP by Simon Banks, COO, Halton CCG and a presentation by Simon Constable, Medical Director, Warrington and Halton Hospital.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd February 2017 at 6.30-8.00pm, in the surgery waiting room.