

THE GROVE MEDICAL CENTRE

MINUTES OF PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING HELD THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2013

Present:

Dr P M Warwicker	Partner
Dr K Patel	Associate
Carole Stock	Practice Manager
Teresa Warwicker	Practice Nurse

Patient Participants:

15255
17716
9846
18872

Apologies: **Dr Leach (Maternity Leave)**
17777

Carole Stock opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.

Care Quality Commission

Carole advised the meeting that the practice was expecting a visit from the Care Quality Commission at any time. Part of their remit was to talk to members of the Patient Participation Group so all members agreed to their contact details being given.

Surgery Refurbishment

Dr Warwicker explained that a general refurbishment of the practice was being undertaken. The two patient toilets at the front of the building had already been completely refurbished, along with new chairs in the waiting room, new lights everywhere on the ground floor. The next phase is the Doctor's clinical rooms which will be refurbished one at a time as finance allows.

Immunisation Programme

Teresa gave an overview of the new immunisation programmes for this year:-

- 1 Children aged 2-3 will be offered flu immunisation by way of FLUENZ which is administered via the child's nose. Invitations have already been sent out to eligible children and we are waiting to see what the response is. Teresa explained that eventually the Government's aim is that all children from 6-17 will be offered a flu immunisation.
- 2 Shingles vaccinations were now being offered to all patients aged 70 and 79 on 1st September 2013. We have already immunised our patients aged 79 in a clinic last Saturday and the uptake has been very good. Owing to a shortage of vaccine, we have had to delay the clinic for our 70 year olds but this should

be held in the very near future. The Government's aim is to vaccinate all people over 70, but due to cost, and the logistical side of things this will take a while to complete.

- 3 Teresa also informed the meeting that our "General Flu Campaign" starts on Monday 30th September.

Training Practice

Dr Warwicker informed the meeting that we are working towards becoming a training practice. Dr Warwicker is completing his qualification in this area and we have already had 2 FY2 Doctors from St Peter's on a 4 month rotation. Hopefully after Dr Warwicker qualifies from next year we will have a Registrar who will be with the practice for a year. Dr Warwicker explained that when this happens he will have to reduce his time seeing patients as 1 day a week has to be put aside for training with the Registrar.

Minor Surgery

The Practice is now holding minor surgery clinics on one Saturday a month which Dr Warwicker is running. We have found that there is great demand for this and we are pleased to offer it to our patients rather than them having to attend the hospital for their procedure.

New Doctor

Carole informed the meeting that Dr Amit Vasistha has joined the practice, replacing Dr Anna Woodhatch. Dr Vasistha is at the moment working 5 sessions per week at the practice and he has a special interest in teaching so will assist Dr Warwicker when we become a training practice.

Dr Elliott

Dr Warwicker informed everyone that Dr Elliott will be retiring from the practice in October 2014.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 20th February 2014 @ 6:30pm.