

**A.G.M of Aspatria Patient Liaison Group (PLG)  
on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
at the Aspatria Medical Group Practice**

**Present:** Janet Mansfield (chair), Julie Saxton (GP), Dianne Blacklock (Practice Manager), Diane Turner, Kathy McGough.

**Apologies:** Hazel Stewart, Ashley Tiffen, Peter Milton, Julie Tarn (GP), Shelagh Dixon, Nita Eubank , John Wallbanks.

**1:** Minutes of the previous AGM held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 agreed.

Follow up question about the Breastfeeding group. No response about getting an advisor. Child and Baby care now done at SureStart rather than the practice. Children at risk a bigger priority than support for breastfeeding mums. We all expressed disappointment.

**2:** Officials

Janet Mansfield has agreed to continue as chair and Diane Turner has offered to be secretary.

Thanks to Ashley Tiffen for previously holding both these posts. He has now resigned due to other commitments. Peter Milton has also resigned as he is moving away.

**3:** Minutes of the previous Quarterly meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 agreed.

**4:** Membership

No new members. Only five at this meeting. Very important that we try to encourage new members especially younger ones. Suggestions include advertising in the area church magazines and setting up a Facebook page. Diane will look into the Facebook page with help from Dianne.

**5:** Update on current developments at the Practice

Very heavy workload due to shortage of staff. Dealing with 60 – 70 patient per day. Triage system set up which is helping once the patients get used to it.

Dr Goodman has had a serious accident and will be off for a minimum of 12 weeks.

A new Dr. is due to start in July.

Dr Gardner has returned part time to help.

A Dr. in training is due in 4 months.

Jonathan, the paramedic has now left but interviews for a replacement take place this week with a start date in June.

## **6: July**

A special month. Not only is the practice hoping to be back to strength but it will be 70 years on 5<sup>th</sup> July since the start of the NHS.

The pupils of Beacon Hill School are going to make an art work/mural for the waiting room. (the present one will be moved upstairs) and there will be various exhibits showcasing the last 70 years. A celebratory day. We have offered Dr Julie Saxton any help she may need.

## **7: Patients' concerns**

Diane asked about the closure of the beds at Wigton Hospital. That is definitely going ahead but concern was raised that the beds available at Inglewood and Park Lodge would not be enough and that currently only half the beds at Park Lodge were in use due to a lack of staff and carers.

## **8: Integrated Care Community**

Aspatria is part of the Solway ICC, a group of local medical practices. It was noted that Aspatria had saved a large sum of money from giving out fewer prescriptions in the past two years but this money is held in the group and basically they can't access this to use within the practice.

## **9: Any other business**

Janet mentioned that other PLCs have their minutes up on the wall in the surgery waiting room and should we do the same? Dianne confirmed that they were on the website and thought that it might detract from other things and there was a question of space. Diane agreed.

The recent Craft sessions were not well attended. However starting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April there will be weekly Health and Wellbeing sessions called Healthy Hopes.

Janet mentioned the Listening Ear Project that is available at the Castlegate and Derwent Surgery for people to talk to someone from the local clergy in cases of Isolation, bereavement etc and wondered if it would work in Aspatria.

## **10: Date of next meetings**

Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 (2 days before 70<sup>th</sup> NHS anv. celebrations)

Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 2018

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (AGM)

meeting finished at 8.00 pm