

**Wickford Health Centre
Patient Participation Group
Meeting following the meeting with NHS England and Basildon and
Brentwood CCG**

Tuesday 17th March 2015

Wickford Health Centre

In Attendance:

Ray Hilliard (RH) Chair	Jan Hilliard (JH)
BL	IC
ME	AE
Lesley Manning (LM) Nurse Practitioner	Jayne Johns (JJ) Practice Manager & Minutes

Apologies

JD

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th February 2015

The minutes were accepted as accurate.

Welcome to new members and introductions

RH welcomed ME and AE to the Group and also thanked LM, Nurse Practitioner at Wickford Health Centre for attending.

RH also reported that he had spoken to another patient who had expressed an interest in being part of the group. JJ had sent out an Agenda for the meeting. RH will try and contact the patient again.

Update/Briefing on Wickford Health Centre

RH explained to ME and AE about the London Road surgery's plans to have a surgery built across the road from Wickford Health Centre as they have to vacate the premises they are currently in. He added that it had originally been asked if Wickford Health Centre GP surgery could share the new building but this option had been declined. He reported on meetings that had taken place with the CCG and NHS England and gave details on the current situation with regards to dealing with NHS Property Services, who own the Wickford Health Centre building. He informed them we had been led to believe that NHS Property Services had undertaken a complete survey on the building to help decide on a way forward with regard to making the building fit for purpose, when in fact they hadn't. RH and JJ are currently in talks with NHS Property Services and NHS England to arrange a meeting to discuss this.

RH will send a copy of minutes from a meeting held in July with councillors from Basildon Council, including 3 UKIP councillors with regard to the proposition of building a new surgery across the road. The UKIP councillor David Harrison had given these to him.

RH and David Harrison have both expressed an interest in being at any meeting that takes place between Wickford Health Centre, Applewood Surgery and NHS Property services.

RH also reported that David Harrison had called him to let him know he had attended a PPG meeting at the Robert Frew Medical Centre (RFMC) the evening before at which someone was in attendance from Shotgate Surgery. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the concerns of the RFMC regarding the future provision of GP's in Wickfords ever growing population. RH was given the name of a gentleman from the RFMC PPG and confirmed he will contact him to find out why surgeries, other than Shotgate, in the area were not invited to the meeting.

RH also reported that David Harrison has been trying to get Andrew Pike from NHS England to arrange a public meeting with regards to the above.

Funding for the Purchase of a Defibrillator for Wickford High Street

RH confirmed that there is a meeting for representative from all local surgery PPG's on Tuesday 31st March at 5pm to discuss. He will ask all the questions previously raised by our PPG with regard to fundraising, management of funds and what will happen if the target amount is not reached.

RH asked LM what she thought about the idea of a defibrillator being situated in the High Street. LM said that in her professional opinion the idea is a good one however, she feels that practically, it may not be used but would still need to have the pads replaced, at a cost, because they have a shelf life.

RH reported that David Thomson had confirmed that funding could not be sought from either NHS England or the East of England Ambulance service.

Recruitment of new members

JJ confirmed that little notes are being attached to prescriptions and PPG leaflets are being given out to new patients when they register. RH and JH also confirmed that they are happy to come again to the Surgery one evening between 4pm and 6pm to talk to more patients.

Any other Business

JJ confirmed that David Thomson, Locality Manager for the CCG had asked for representation from our PPG at the regular meetings he holds with members from all PPG's in the locality. After discussion, it was agreed that RH would attend the next one on 8th April. JH had previously attended these

meetings but did not find them useful or productive. RH to report back at the next meeting.

The group discussed appointments and how sometimes it's difficult to get appointments with GP's. LM and JJ both confirmed that patients are now also being offered appointments with LM where appropriate as she is can prescribe medication. However, this relies on the patient being happy to let the Reception Staff why they want to be seen, which patients don't always want to do.

RH asked if it's just the GP's who do medication reviews. LM confirmed she can undertake medication reviews if there are no issues. If there are, she refers to the GP.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 14th April at 2.00 pm.