

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

Tuesday 14th April 2015

Wickford Health Centre

In Attendance:

Ray Hilliard (RH) Chair
BL
JS

Jan Hilliard (JH)
IC
Jayne Johns (JJ) Practice Manager &
Minutes

David Thomson (DT) Basildon and
Brentwood CCG (BBCCG)

Apologies

JD, ME, AE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th March 2015

The minutes were accepted as accurate.

Welcome to new members and introductions

RH welcomed JS to the group and also confirmed the gentleman who had previously expressed an interest had contacted him to say he did not want to now take part.

Update/Briefing on Wickford Health Centre

RH gave JS a brief explanation with regard to the London Road surgery's plans to move to a purpose built centre across the road from Wickford Health Centre and the possible redevelopment of the Wickford Health Centre. He also reported (see below) on the recent planning meeting where the proposal was rejected.

The group discussed how to proceed now and discussed the possibility of again looking at the prospect of Wickford Health Centre Surgery and Applewood Surgery sharing a facility with London Road. The question was raised that if the proposal had been rejected due to lack of car parking space whether the council would consider a building to house more than one surgery. It was suggested that a whole new proposal, with better access could be put forward. It was agreed to ask the Directors their opinion and the opinion of Dr Rai from Applewood to ensure everyone can agree the way forward. A meeting will also be arranged with NHS Property Services.

Funding for the Purchase of a Defibrillator for Wickford High Street

RH explained to JS the background to this project.

RH confirmed that a meeting took place on 30th March and despite all local surgeries being invited (with London Road giving apologies) the attendance at the meeting was low. He reported that £300 had been raised so far and had it confirmed that if the funds target was not reached any monies raised would be returned to the contributor.

DT confirmed that he had spoken to the East of England Ambulance Service who had confirmed that they could not provide funding.

The group discussed whether to take a step back from this project and DT suggested he talk to Shotgate surgery before making a decision.

Feedback on planning meeting to consider Planning Application for the construction of a new surgery building in Market Road

RH confirmed he had attended the meeting, which was also attended by 7 committee members including David Harrison and Alan Ball (UKIP) and two Conservative members, where he spoke opposing the construction of a new surgery being built in Market Road. He also confirmed that another gentleman, a UKIP candidate for The Wick also spoke voicing his objections. Following discussion, the Chair asked the committee to vote and the proposal was rejected by four to three on the grounds of insufficient parking and access problems.

RH reported that he was disappointed that there was no representation of SEMC Ltd Directors at the meeting. JJ explained that it was unfortunate that due to leave nobody else was able to attend but assured the group of SEMC Ltd's commitment to Wickford Health Centre. The group asked if Dr Tayo and the other Directors, if possible would meet with the group to discuss the way forward now. JJ confirmed she would arrange this.

Feedback on SEMC Locality PPG Meeting (DT)

- DT reported that a Virtual Ward Team had been put together, headed by Carol Townsend (former Community Matron) to co-ordinate the care of vulnerable patients to stop them going into Basildon Hospital. DT explained that Carol will work with Surgeries, looking at their risk registers, patients with more than two chronic diseases and patients over 75 who have had more than two A&E admissions to ensure the correct care is in place to prevent admissions. He confirmed that while resources are limited the service is viable and will work in addition to current Community Nursing provisions.
- DT also confirmed that GP provision in Wickford was discussed

- The group discussed the ongoing project with regard to raising funds for the defibrillator

Meeting to discuss concerns over future GP provision in Wickford

RH confirmed that a meeting will take place on 20th April at the start of the Robert Frew Medical Centre PPG meeting to discuss concerns with regard to increased housing develops and how this will affect GP provision in Wickford. All local practices have been invited and RH will attend on our behalf and feedback at the next PPG meeting.

Recruitment of new members for actual and virtual group

RH/JH confirmed that they would come into the surgery again one evening next week to talk to patients.

It was suggested that to try to put together a virtual group we should target people less able to attend meetings such as young mums, people working full time etc. While it would be good to get a few more members on the actual Board a virtual board with mixed demographics would be beneficial to work, with members having contact with the Chair.

Any other Business

BL asked about an article that was in the paper recently with regard to problems with booking blood test appointments and how long they're taking. JJ explained that while blood tests are carried out at Wickford Health Centre they are not undertaken by GP surgery staff but are managed by the community services based within Wickford Health Centre. DT said that he would take this concern to the CCG.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 26th May at 2.00 pm (*Please note this has now changed to Thursday 4th June at 4pm*)