

**Wickford Health Centre
Patient Participation Group**

**Thursday 4th June 2015 @ 4.00pm
Wickford Health Centre**

In Attendance:

Ray Hilliard (RH) Chair	Jan Hilliard (JH)
BL	IC
JD	JS
Jayne Johns (JJ) Practice Manager & Minute taker	
Dr Tayo (AT) at 5.00 pm Director SEMC Ltd	Marguerite Cutting (MC) at 5.00 pm Director SEMC Ltd

1. Apologies

ME and AE

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th April 2015

JJ apologised for spelling IC's surname incorrectly in the minutes. Apart from this the minutes were accepted as accurate.

3. Update/Briefing on Wickford Health Centre

JJ confirmed that Kerry Kavanagh from NHS who deals with NHS Property Services has arranged a meeting for 23rd June to include representatives from Wickford Health Centre (JJ and Director) Applewood Surgery and London Road Surgery along with local councillors to discuss the way forward with regards to the three surgeries current positions and to discuss the potential way forward. JJ also confirmed that while PPG Chairs from the three surgeries would not be invited to this meeting Kerry Kavanagh had stated she would be happy to meet with individual PPG's or all together on a date following the meeting.

There was some confusion over whether the meeting was also to discuss the GP provision in Wickford in relation to all the new homes being built. JJ reported that she believed this meeting was purely about the three surgeries (WHC, Applewood and London Road). However, all agreed that the subject may come up with regard to future GP provision.

RH confirmed that Dr Ogunsanya from Robert Frew Medical Centre has also written to Andrew Pike with regards to future GP provision. Dr Ogunsanya had emailed RH to confirm that he had received a response from Andrew Pike to say he has tasked Tom Abell, Chief Officer for the CCG to look into this.

4. Funding for the Purchase of a Defibrillator for Wickford High Street

RH reported that he had written again to Robert Frew Medical Centre PPG regarding this but hadn't heard anything back to date. The Group agreed that this project seems to have stalled so have decided to take a step back and not pursue this further currently.

5. Feedback on SEMC Locality PPG Meeting

RH confirmed that he had attended the last meeting and reported Alison Reeve was present, who he believes is a lay member of the CCG Board (JJ to ascertain from David Thomson). RH will email JJ the minutes of the meeting to disseminate with the minutes from this one.

Unfortunately RH isn't able to attend the next meeting on 10th June but has given his apologies.

6. Meeting to discuss concerns over future GP provision in Wickford

Covered in item 3

7. Recruitment of new members for actual and virtual group

RH/JH confirmed that they had spent time in the surgery one afternoon and spoke to patients and some did appear interested but it was also difficult to talk for long as the patients were being called into their meeting.

Following discussion it was agreed that while it would be good to get another couple of members on the actual Board it is in fact big enough and that we should concentrate of putting together a virtual board. JJ to look at previous minutes to see what was discussed with regard to recruiting to a virtual board and will bring it back to the next meeting.

8. Date of Next Meeting

RH/JH asked that the meeting be changed to another day as they now have new commitments on Tuesdays. Following discussion it was agreed that meetings will now take place on the 3rd Monday of every month, at 4pm, apart from in July when the meeting will be held on 13th July as RH/JH are on holiday on 20th July.

9. Any Other Business

BL asked about patients accessing GP services online. JJ explained the process, what a patient can see and how there are specific slots that are able to be booked online and these also state the GP available. The group felt that this service may be under utilised and didn't feel that enough patients know about the service. JJ to create a poster to put near the self check in board.

Meeting with SEMC Ltd Directors

The Group were joined by Dr Tayo (AT) and Marguerite Cutting (MC), Directors for SEMC Ltd to discuss the future of Wickford Health Centre in particular how SEMC Ltd wishes to proceed in the future pending consultation with representatives from NHS England and NHS Property Services.

RH thanked AT and MC for coming and stated that the Group's main question was what the Directors of SEMC Ltd thinks the best way forward with regard to Wickford Health Centre.

One Health Centre that would be big enough to house the three GP surgeries, Wickford Health Centre, Applewood and London Road

AT reported that he had spoken to Dr Rai from Applewood surgery and they agreed that they would prefer to be in a new building, which the three surgeries would share.

The expense of running such a building would need to be taken into consideration as the NHS only pay's for certain things and the surgeries would have to pay for the rest. The best way to approach this would be to be involved in the way the building is designed to minimise costs.

Also, with three surgeries working out of the same building the name Wickford Health Centre may no longer exist and AT asked how patients might feel about this. The Group agreed that as long as the surgery continued to give a good service the name is irrelevant and people would get used to it.

Wickford Health Centre to be rebuilt on the existing site

This may not be a viable option as it would take a long time and would be very disruptive to services.

The refurbishment of the current Wickford Health Centre building

The space inside isn't currently well utilised but this could be altered within the existing structure by taking the shell and re designing the inside to include new windows, doors and decoration.

In Conclusion

Following lengthy discussion, the PPG and the Directors of SEMC Ltd agreed that the preferred option would be to build a purpose built Health Centre that would accommodate the three surgeries Wickford Health Centre, Applewood and London Road and this would be stated at the meeting on 23rd June.