

Minutes of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Patient Participation Group for the
Tean and Blythe Bridge Surgeries held at Blythe Bridge Primary Care Centre at
Noon on Thursday 17th March 2016

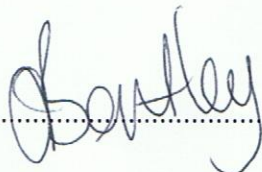
Present:- Frank Hopley (Chair), Ann Hughes, Peter Jones, David Trigger and Derek Sederman.

1. Apologies had been received from Jane Bentley (Practice Manager), Ann Ball, Ann Kollar and Hazel Walker. The group were sorry to hear that Jane Bentley was unwell and wished her well and Ann Hughes said she would report any special matters back to Jane after the meeting.
2. The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed with the exception that the Chairman's first name is Frank, not Rank! They were then duly signed by the Chair.
3. Under matters arising, Peter Jones asked whether there had been any further movement as far as his attending a Locality PPG in Cheadle. There was nothing to report. The Chairman also asked for further news regarding NHS eye tests at home. The present situation was explained satisfactorily by Ann Hughes.
4. The main part of the meeting then began with a talk by Ann Hughes about the new scheme being introduced entitled "Manage Your Health". The scheme promoted Flo-monitoring with patients helping to check their on-going health using modern technology. This would be accomplished using a free "App" on Android or Apple smartphones and tablets. The scheme would not be compulsory and would be viewed as an addition to the present system. Two tablets were used at the meeting to demonstrate how patient involvement at home using modern electronic technology could save time and money by their entering readings concerning certain on-going health problems. The readings would be picked up automatically by the health centre and decisions would automatically be made if further help was seen as necessary or whether 'status quo' was advised. The programme allowed for patients to ask simple common questions and for answers to come up on the screen. The system was seen as easing the overcrowding for doctors appointments and making it easier and cheaper for patients with chronic problems to have less need to make visits to a surgery. A more detailed explanation can be found at www.digitalhealthsot.nhs.uk
It was an excellent talk and Ann Hughes was thanked for explaining the new plans so well.

The date of the next meeting was not set but left for the Practice Manager to arrange.

The meeting closed at 1.10 pm.

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