***Swineshead Medical Group***

**Fairfax House Patient Forum**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2016**

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| **Present** | Mr Machin, Mr Greatrix, Mrs Connolly, Mrs Jordan, Mrs Poston, Caroline Bardwell, Mrs Thompson, Dr Whitfield, Mrs Baxter |
| **Apologies**  | Mrs Ball, Miss Ginns, Miss Marshall, Mrs Down, Mr McAreavey, Mrs Wilson, Mr Kemmett. |
| **In Attendance** |  |
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| **2.** | **Matters arising** – the minutes of the last meeting were accepted as an accurate record. * Mrs Baxter to check whether posters received about volunteer drivers for community transport scheme
* No poster received as yet for the dance on 9 December
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| **3.** | **Proposed changes to prescription items – consultation**The CCG has issued a consultation document regarding some changes to prescribing. The items under review are - • over the counter/minor ailment medicines used for short-term, self-limiting conditions such as paracetamol or anti-histamines• gluten-free products, • baby milk (including specialist infant formula) and • oral nutritional supplements. Information and survey form will be posted out to members as only option currently available is online survey as previously circulated by email.Members encouraged to respond either way and to send in comments |
| **4.** | **Practice update –** * Uptake of flu vaccine remains quite poor, Mrs Baxter asked members to encourage others to attend
* Shingles vaccine invitations are being sent out gradually, with older age group first. The vaccine is very expensive so the practice can only order a limited amount at one time. Patients are eligible once they reach age 70 and remain eligible until after 80th birthday – the vaccine is less effective after this age. There is still a ‘gap’ in eligibility with patients having to wait till age 78 for first invite!
* The CCG conducted a ‘listening clinic’ in the waiting room in September. The results were very good with 97% of the feedback being positive. Some new patients have commented that the surgery is wonderful compared to their last one! Copies of the report to be circulated with the minutes
* Dr Jaffery has joined the practice as a Locum GP to cover for Dr Aslam’s vacancy for 3 months. The situation will be reviewed after Christmas
* The practice is working with the LMC on the International Recruitment programme hopefully to recruit a doctor from Europe.
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| **5.** | **Update on Fundraising activities –** Funds currently = £761.60Cakes and tombola in the waiting room on 6 December form 9.30am (some prizes in SB office)Christmas hamper will be available from the beginning of DecemberEasy listening dance at the Village Hall on 9 December ( \*\*SB has tickets £5 each or pay at the door)Practice is still investigating which sort of ECG to purchase with Mr Poston’s bequest but is in hand |
| **6.** | **Questions, comments and suggestions**: - * What’s happening with Dr Aslam’s registered patients? The patients currently registered to Dr Aslam will be allocated to the 3 remaining GP partners. As this is a ‘bulk’ operation on the computer system we have to wait for NHSE confirmation that it is ok to proceed otherwise they will reject all the changes – still waiting, despite emails and calls!
* Practice response to Facebook comments? Some of these are patently untrue and we are maintaining diplomatic silence on the subject. There is a rumour that Dr Kelly is semi-retired which he definitely isn’t and neither has he just had 6 weeks holiday (that’s more or less his year’s allowance!!). Something will go in the next newsletter about appointments but nothing has changed and all the info is in the booklet and on the website
* Firearms? - following advice from the BMA and LMC the practice will no longer do reports or provide the police with an opinion about ‘fitness to hold a firearms licence’. Guidance states that GP is not an expert and although can provide information to the police, it is the police that should be making the decision. Practice is still providing information to the police and coding records, which is all that is required.
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| **7.** | **AOB*** October NAPP bulletin circulated
* Mrs Thompson wanted to thank staff for the wonderful INR service she received whilst abroad
* Disability Listening Event at Woodhall Spa on 8 December and Patient Council minutes to be sent to Miss Ginns
* Next meeting moved to 14 December instead of 21 December
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| **8.** | **Date and time of next meeting** Wednesday 14 December 2016 6.30 p.m at Fairfax House |