***Swineshead Medical Group***

**Fairfax House Patient Forum**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2017**

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| **Present** | Mr Machin, Mr Greatrix, Mrs Connolly, Mrs Ball, Mrs Jordan, Miss Marshall, Miss Ginns, Mrs Thompson, Mr Kemmett, Mrs Baxter |
| **Apologies**  | Mrs Poston, Mrs Down, Mrs Wilson, Mr McAreavey, Caroline Bardwell, Dr Whitfield |
| **In Attendance** | Robin Mardon, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership |
|  | Mr Machin welcomed Mr Kemmett to the meeting as a new forum member. General introductions were made.Robin Mardon from the Road Safety Partnership introduced the ‘Mileage for Life’ scheme. The scheme provides a driving refresher for mature/senior drivers. There are more of these in the county than the national average and therefore more have been involved in serious or fatal collisions.The programme is designed to help these drivers prolong their driving careers, to bring them up to date with driving styles, techniques and technology. Robin had delivered the first theory session today in Skegness. The programme consists of a half day theory session followed by a practical driving session on another day. The practical sessions are provided by approved driving instructors, participants are taken out in pairs for this. The sessions demonstrate modern, best practice techniques and show the easiest, most relaxed ways to drive. There is no judgement or test just giving tools for safe and confident driving. The theory session covers issues and problems that drivers might have and provides and open forum for discussion. There is absolutely no threat of having a licence removed. If a problem is recognised this would be addressed positively with the individual. There are people still driving with ‘grandad rights’ who have never taken a driving test. Most people continue to drive in the way they were taught which could be out of date and out of touch with today’s methods. The programme is free for the over 60s and £50 charge for 50 -60s.The theory sessions are held locally – the intention is to have at least one session here at the practice – and the driving is from participant’s homes.Mrs Baxter will collate a list of names and telephone numbers to send on to Robin. Posters and leaflets to be placed in the waiting room. \*\* Sessions are arranged for 14 March 10.00 am – 1.00 pm and 26 April 12 noon to 3pm. If not already booked on, call 01522 805800 to book a placeMr Machin thanked Robin for a very interesting and useful presentation, the majority of members confirming that they would take up the offer. |
| **2.** | **Matters arising** – the minutes of the last meeting were accepted as an accurate record. * Mrs Baxter confirmed that all the GP Partners, Dr Kelly, Dr Whitfield and Dr Alam work 4 days a week in the practice. Dr Kelly has various outside commitments which he fulfils in his own time ie by taking annual leave
* A rota for the GPs to attend this meeting is a good idea but will depend on availability
* There is gossip in the village and on the Facebook page about doctors being away or leaving, for the most part this should be ignored as incorrect!
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| **3.** | **Practice Update –*** Mrs Baxter confirmed the practice had secured a long term locum GP, Dr Mahmuda Yesmin would be with the practice for at least 6 months.
* The practice has recruited a new GP through the international recruitment scheme via the LMC. Currently the GPs are having induction training to learn about the NHS, brush up language skills etc. They will come over to complete GMC registration before starting in practices in April/May.
* The Co-op pharmacy have sent information to the practice about the Winter Ailments Scheme – presumably this is other pharmacies too – a long list of items are available for patients for a range of ailments after discussion with a pharmacist. Service is free of charge to patients, medications are also free of charge if patient does not pay a prescription fee.
* The practice is being asked by CCG/NHS to review and reduce prescribing of various medications including tramadol and nefopam. This would be on individual patient basis, dependent on conditions etc
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| **4.** | **Meeting dates for the coming year** – Mrs Baxter circulated a proposed schedule for the year for consideration. These are on Wednesdays every 6 weeks as usual. |
| **5.** | **Update on Fundraising activities –** Current funds = £1,481.10A ‘state of the art’ paediatric pulse oximeter would be £225.60 including VAT. Members agreed to support this purchase.Various other items were suggested such as nebulisers and coaguchek devices.Nebulisers are rarely loaned out to patients now and the practice maintains one or two for use in emergencies. Coaguchek devices are the latest models and no need to replace at present. D-dimer tests are done in-house as an enhanced service.Discussions about an ECG machine are ongoing! |
| **8.** | **Questions, comments and suggestions**: - * Mr Machin queried a DNA message on a repeat prescription when there had been no missed appointment. Mrs Baxter would need to check
* Mr Machin also requested that the practice has a path installed from the back door to the front path. To be discussed with landlord as in negotiation currently for some updating/refurbishment
* Mr Greatrix had an issue with the delivery service when items were delivered on an unexpected day as could have been out. Mrs Baxter suggested leaving a comment when ordering online or in phone message. If patients are out and about it does beg the question whether they are eligible for delivery anyway!
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| **9.** | **AOB*** NAPP bulletin for January distributed
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| **10.** | **Date and time of next meeting** Wednesday 15 March 2017 6.30 p.m at Fairfax House |