

**OVERTON PARK SURGERY
PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING
WEDNESDAY 27 February 2019 6:30PM**

MINUTES

PRESENT: RS, AS, KM, CLC students, Mark Thatcher Practice Manager, Dr Williams, GP Partner, Dr Nelson, GP Partner

A. Welcome – introductions and apologies

Apologies from SH and EH. MT was pleased to welcome all of the expected members plus the students and Dr Nelson and Dr Williams.

The group introduced themselves to the CLC students. The students explained that they are aspiring medics planning to study medicine.

MT welcomed Dr Williams, the surgery's most recently appointed GP Partner.

B. Minutes of previous meeting

MT went through the minutes of the November 2018 meeting with those present.

MT confirmed that there is a new date for the managing memory session.

There was further discussion about future education sessions, particularly around speakers. Possible speakers could include GP Dr Moore (CVD specialist based at Stoke Road surgery), the cancer lead at the CCG, Elaine Smith (Rheumatologist). Women's and men's health could also be future topics. MT will explore these options.

MT gave a brief summary of the discussion involving EH, Dr Copps and Dr Wilson.

MT noted that premises would be discussed further on in the agenda.

C. PPG Health Education session update

MT confirmed that the managing memory session will be held on Friday 1 March 12:30pm. As before, it will be run by the manager of the service, Kathy Holmes. Several staff from the surgery will be in attendance. MT will not be able to attend as he is holding interviews and attending meetings on that day.

D. Staff/Surgery news

MT reported that there are currently two GP Registrars working at the surgery. Dr Tim Davis and Dr Andrew Giannelli. Dr Davis is an ST3 GP Registrar which means that he is in his final year of training to become a GP. His trainer is Dr Coker. Dr Giannelli is an ST1 GP Registrar. His trainer is Dr Fox. Dr Fox was recently approved as GP trainer.

Dr Williams gave a brief breakdown of his medical career to date, explaining how he went from his medical training to becoming a GP Partner at Overton Park. He explained that his career progression did not come about through a particularly conventional route.

MT advised that the surgery has an Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) in post. Her contract ends in April but the surgery are keen to extend this. MT explained that the ANP sees patients at the surgery on Thursdays and is very useful in supporting the GPs. She can see a variety of conditions and can also prescribe.

MT gave some background on the new GP contract which will come into effect from April 1 2019. This will replace the 2004 GMS contract. In summary it will mean that the surgery will work with 5 other local surgeries in a 'network' (previously called the Central Cheltenham Cluster), it will provide funding for additional primary care staff over the next 5 years to support GP surgeries such as pharmacists, social prescribers, physios, paramedics and ANPs.

The group asked for clarification about social prescribing. Dr Williams explained that social prescribing is a way for practice staff to refer patients for non-clinical interventions which can range from befriending, arts activities, healthy eating advice to a range of sports.

E. Premises

MT advised that further to the discussion about premises at the last meeting, the surgery has to consider its options for the future and will very much appreciate the support of the PPG in doing this. The PPG members emphasised that the location of the surgery isn't all important but the quality of care is and they are keen that this is maintained and that some level of continuity of care can be retained.

MT emphasised that the surgery does need to 'future proof' in terms of numbers of consulting rooms and to allow for increases in list size.

F. Any other business

RS asked if it is possible for the surgery to advertise for drivers to help patients get to the surgery. MT is aware of some schemes and the existing ambulance service but will speak with the office manager Bev to see what concrete options are available and what the surgery is permitted to do.

The CLC students referred back to the earlier education session item and wondered whether Dr Christopherson could give a talk. MT also thought that the current and previous community psychiatric nurses could be options.

G. Next meeting

The next meeting is on Wednesday 22 May 2019 at 6:30pm.

Meeting closed with thanks from MT to all for attending.