

Eagle House PPG Meeting at 5pm on 20 September 2017

MINUTES

Present: Val Imber (Chair), Annette Davies, Mary Falla, Anne Horbury, John Imber, Sue Inman, Rosemary Spalding

Apologies were received from Keith Harrison, Sarah Dummer-Wade, Hazel Haigh and, belatedly, from Val Harbour and Hilary Over

1. The meeting welcomed Anne Horbury, who was attending for the first time.
2. The Minutes of the meeting on 25 July 2017 were accepted.
3. Matters arising:
 - a. NHS Health Checks (now being provided by Boots): the Group felt it would be very useful if Surgeries were informed on a Monthly basis (i) how many of their patients had received checks and (ii) how many of those had been referred to the Surgery as a result.
 - b. Diabetic eye tests – these now seemed to be taking place satisfactorily in Blandford. A new local organiser had been appointed. It had been reported that the Sherborne contractor had quite a large backlog of patients needing tests.
4. Surgery update – there were no major changes to report.
5. Well and Connected Event, 30 June/1 July 2017: as previously reported the event had not been very well attended. The Town Clerk had been in contact with Keith Harrison and she would be seeking opinions on the best timing and publicity for the 2018 event in good time.
6. Flu clinics, 30 September and 21 October. Appointments were being made for 2-minute slots from 8.30 to 12.30 on each of the two Saturdays. Anne Horbury volunteered to assist on 30 September. Val and John Imber would do the same on 21 October. Note – Mary Falla has since also volunteered to assist from 9 to 11 on 21 October. It would be good if another member of PPG could join Anne on 30 September.
7. PPG Chairs meeting 6 September (minutes attached). Issues arising are:
 - (i) Use of flu clinics to promote online services, (we need some materials to hand out).
 - (ii) CCG Event Supporting Stronger Voices: Monday 2nd October Charlton Down, Tuesday 3rd October, Wimborne. Val had circulated the relevant paperwork and encouraged people to go.
 - (iii) PPG Network events: Monday 9 October Dorchester, Tuesday 10 October Wimborne. Val had circulated the relevant paperwork and encouraged people to go.
 - (iv) Walking for Health and Exercise: Keith Harrison was to train 30 volunteers to lead regular walks, including 4 from Blandford. The Assura maps were not thought to be very helpful because they were based on the surgery location rather than a range of residential areas. Val Imber would contact U3A for their advice on suitably undemanding walks.
8. AOB. Val Imber reported on the CCG's open meeting about reorganisation of health care in Dorset on the morning of the 20th. She would circulate a summary of the many propositions, all of which had been unanimously supported by the CCG.
9. Date of next meeting: Thursday 9 November 2017 at 5pm.