

## PRUDHOE PPG

Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### Minutes

Present : - Eileen Asbury, Dr Ann Egan, Jennifer Collins, Elaine Heane, Andy Gill, Alan Greenall, Tony Hockey, Lindsay Hopkins, Peter Kerry, Sandra Mackinnon, Tony Reid

#### 1. New Member

Jennifer Collins was welcomed to the group

#### 2. Report on Sustainability and Transformation Plan

A brief summary of the meeting to add to previous notes.

The number attending the Hexham meeting was 32. This compares to only 11 at the meeting in Blyth.

Purpose of the meeting was to explain about the new Accountable Care Organisation for Northumberland and how it will help deliver the ambitions of the 5 year STP. The ACO is aiming to be up and running by April this year and not 2018 as previously stated. Information on the ACO was provided along with key areas of feedback from those attending the four meetings held across Northumberland.

#### 3. Practice Pharmacist

Mohamed who is employed by Northumbria Healthcare Trust will be based at the surgery on Wednesday afternoons, he is allocated to the West of Northumberland. This is funded until 2018.

He will be available to assist patients referred by G.P.'s to include reviews of medication, patient discharged from hospital and updating their medication, dispensing issues, advice for those with COPD, can do home visits and to link with local pharmacies to improve processes or discuss any concerns.

#### 4. Update on Practice – Virtual Group

It has been suggested that photographs of the staff be displayed in the surgery. Bell for the desk - being sorted.

Drive to get people to join the Virtual Group – view to sending out minutes of the meetings to them.

#### 5. Pilot Sessions for Late Appointments

Extra appointments are being trialled for two months between the hours of 5.30pm and 6.00pm a couple of evenings per week, latest appointment has previously been 5.00pm. More G.P.'s may also take part.

Early appointments are already available on two mornings from 7.30am.

Dr Quilliam may in future **start one of his afternoon surgeries from 4.00pm and 6.00pm.**

## **6. Extended Hours**

Extra opening hours **may be increased in the future depending on GP contract changes** to add an extra 15 minutes **to** the current 30 minutes per 1000 patients.

This may mean that the surgery will be open on a Thursday afternoon. Core hours for Doctors are 8.00am – 6.00pm.

Some local practices may open on a Saturday on a rota system. **These plans are to be finalised and discussed nationally and locally.**

## **7. Prudhoe Healthy Lifestyle Project**

Starting point for the project – meeting with Liz Prudhoe (TBA) and then get other groups involved.

Tony Reid to look into funding – current fund available £600.00

Sandra has a booklet 'The Golden Guide' available from the library, which may be of use to the project.

Promote on 'People of Prudhoe' page Facebook

Email Patients

Miners Run, 1<sup>st</sup> October, patients willing to lose weight will have their entrance fee subsidised.

Hugh FearnleyWhittonstall, has launched a project to get people in the Newcastle area to lose 100,000 lbs in a year. Website Newcastlecan.com.

**People to Approach and letter to be produced for:-**

## **8. Next Meetings**

23<sup>rd</sup> March

30<sup>th</sup> March - Groups interested will be invited to the meeting. Tony Reid to organise a speaker who can deliver our brief. (now arranged) Hexham Courant to be informed.

List to date of Groups/People to be contacted

### **Alan**

Greggs

Balls

Wylam Pharmacy

SCA

Thompsons

Prudhoe FC

Stocksfield CC

### **Andy**

History Society

Prudhoe Partnership

**Ann**

U3A

Balance North East (alcohol)

Mental Health Services

Kent Flanagan (smoking cessation)

Slimming world

Adult Education

Churches (Ann I have one contact – See below)

**Elaine**

Prudhoe Community Allotment

St Mary Magdalene Church

**Peter**

Prudhoe Riverside Run Organisation

Prudhoe Gardeners Association

**Sandra**

Dentists