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PRUDHOE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Meeting: 22May 2014

Present: Dr Ann Egan

Eileen Asbury

Andy Gill

Alan Greenall

Sandra MacKinnon

Judy Price

Apologies: Peter Kerry

Tony Read

Notes of Meeting

- 1** Dr Egan announced that name of the new Practice Manager is Tony Hockey who is now in post.
- 2** Judy reported on the last meeting of the Forum including the relocation for Emergency Care to the new Hospital in Cramlington when it opens, downgrading the facility in Hexham.

An item in the minutes headed "Future Development of the West Northumberland Patient Forum," related to a proposal by the Sele Group and Prudhoe to hold a meeting in June to discuss how to facilitate closer working and understanding between practice groups. Subsequently this proposal had been enlarged to include all PPG's in the County with invitation to Practice Managers for all to attend a meeting in Morpeth on 12 June

There was some disquiet in the Group at this change with concern that such an enlarged Group would not address the issues common to groups in the west of the county.

It was agreed to write a letter in response to this general invitation asking for further information and clarification without which Prudhoe would not be represented at the meeting.

- 3 Information on bespoke wigs will be displayed on the notice board; fittings by appointment
- 4 There had been no further progress on the proposed street sign, largely due to difficulties at County Hall.
- 5 Andy questioned the need for so much paper accompanying prescriptions.
Could this be reduced to a single page?

Date of Next Meeting: 24 July 2014.