

MARKET OVERTON and SOMERBY SURGERIES PPG MEETING 10 December 2015

Attending: Elizabeth Bell

Miriam Bird

Rosemary Jameson Chair/Secretary

Minutes from our meeting of 5 November were reviewed and discussed as follows:-

We discussed the new website and would like to know the prospective date for the new site to go live. Miriam brought up the subject of data security – we looked at the current site which does not display the ‘padlock’ on the URL bar. As the site has a log in and accesses patient’s details it should have an SSL Certificate to maintain security. It appears that the new Oakham site does not have the padlock either – this is standard website security and should be put in place by the web developer.

Once the new website is live we can go ahead with the wording to announcement of PPG, to go into local publications, referring back to our website page.

Rutland Show

IR has been given the application form for the pitch at the Rutland Show which is provisionally booked for 5 June 2016. We discussed activities and stayed with blood pressure testing, ‘Operation’ game and bandaging teddy. Instead of balloons we thought that plasters with cartoons on might be more relevant. **CS** - are they available through NHS supply chain?

IR to ask Dr McCormack which services he would be happy to see using the new facilities before we do any work on finding likely candidates.

Once we know what is acceptable we will go ahead with sourcing candidates. We also discussed the possibility of a weekly ‘Mum & Baby’ group which would keep a benign check on the babies, offer advice, vaccinations and allow new Mums to socialise with other local Mums in the same position. We all attended such a facility and remember it fondly as being supportive and also as a goal to get to during the early days!

Lunch Clubs

The first pilot Lunch Club will be at The Wheatsheaf in Langham on 5 January at 12.30 p.m. The cost will be around £7 for a ‘home’ cooked meal of two courses plus a cup of tea. **IR** and **CS** could you please highlight to any patients that might benefit including Oakham Practice please? They will need to let **RJ** know so that we have some idea of numbers. We will let this one club run for a while and then try to get other hostelrys involved, once we know the pitfalls!

Gardening

Nick Hamilton from Barnsdale Gardens has agreed to meet with the PPG to help with plans for a limited mobility garden, possibly sited at Barnsdale. **RJ** has emailed him to suggest we meet at his tea room on 13th January at 11 a.m.

Langham & Barleythorpe WI held their first Tea@3 on 12 December for Carers and Cared For, and those who are living alone or in difficult circumstances. Again referrals would be good – another event will be scheduled in the New Year. We had singing and then a lovely tea.

We would like some facility in the area for Young Carers – there may already be something?

MB is to investigate 'Joules' in Oakham which is known to be used by Social Services for access visits and may provide suitable entertainment for young teens.

We would like to thank Market Overton Practice for the splendid repairs to the car park – much better!

We discussed the proposed series of Autumn Lectures for 2016 and decided that the first subject would be 'Hearing'. Suggestions of specialists both from the NHS and the commercial sector would be welcomed.

Finally we watched a YouTube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RlrSvZrsQE>

Although this is an American model we saw no reason why this formula could not be applied in the UK, starting with Rutland. It seems to solve so many problems so easily that you have to wonder why it hasn't been done before. No doubt in the UK there will be a myriad of objections but it would be great to try. Can all of you professionals get your heads together and maybe suggest a facility that would perhaps entertain looking at a trial?

Date of next meeting **to be confirmed** Wednesday 13th January 11 a.m. at Barnsdale Gardens, Exton Road

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