

MINUTES FO THE JOINT PAITENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING 26TH FEBRUARY 2013

PRESENT:

Sean Bowler	Hylton Medical Group
Teresa Harris	Hylton Medical Group
Dave Harris	Dr Lefley & Associates
Marjorie Robinson	Dr Lefley & Associates
Clare Furey	Dr Lefley & Associates
Florence Gunn	Dr Lefley & Associates

UPDATE FROM LAST MEETING

RECRUITMENT - Neither practice have recruited any patients for their PPG. It was agreed that we should hold a PROMOTION DAY when all staff will actively recruit patients and current member would be available in the reception area to speak to patients who may be interested.

It was also agreed that each practice should advertise their group more with larger posters, website, newsletter etc.

It was agreed that members of the group be contacted by telephone/e-mail a few days before each meeting to remind them of the date and time of the meeting.

S.B. suggested that at future meetings refreshments should be available.

T.H. suggested that we contact local secondary schools, scout, guide and cadet organisations to try to encourage younger patients (16 and over) to join the groups.

S.B. to speak to Chrissie Henderson, Practice Manager of Dr Shetty's practice regarding her PPG attending the joint meetings.

DRUG REPS – **S.B.** had spoken to some but if having difficulty at the moment.

STRUCTURE OF MEETINGS – to be discussed when more members have been recruited.

BUILDING LEASE – Increase in rent and service charges discussed. **T.H.** suggested that the MP for Sunderland be contacted. MP for Sunderland is **Julie Elliott, 10 Norfolk Street, Sunderland. E-mail address Julie.elliott.mp@parliament.uk Telephone number 0191 5655327** –

T.H. and D.H. to contact and suggest that the patients take it forward on behalf of all three surgeries.

SOCIAL WELFARE BENEFIT CUT ISSUES – **S.B.** suggested food aid drop off at surgeries which will be collected and distributed to needy.

HEALTH CHAMPIONS – **S.B.** to contact Health Champion Trainer to come in to discuss Health Champions in the practices – volunteers can be patients or staff.

NHS CONSTITUTION WEBSITE – **F.G.** suggests that all group members check out this site.

NEXT MEETING – 23RD APRIL 2013 AT 5.30PM