

At the Meeting of the Trafalgar Medical Group Practice Patient Participation Group held at Eastney Health Centre on Thursday 19 October 2017

## **PRESENT**

David Pryke – Chairman

Mrs. Barbara White – Vice Chairman

Dr. Jon Price – Senior Practice Partner

Mrs. Sally Atkins – Surgery Manager, Eastney

Mr. Alex Speight – Practice Operations Manager

Mrs. Susan Miller – Practice Manager, Eastney Practice

Mr. David Baynes; Ms Astrid Brown; Miss Annette Chipperfield; Mrs. Diana Corke; Mrs. Sharon Davison; Mr. Doughty; Mr. David Duncan; Mrs. Laura Duncan; Mrs. Susan Gaskin; Mrs. Joy Haines; Mr. Martin Long; Mrs. Margaret Miller; Ms. Marian Parfitt; Mrs. Jayne Pryke; Mrs. Beverley Simpson; Mrs. Anne Steel; Mr. David Steel; Mr. Allan Sturme; Mrs. Pat Wainwright; Mrs. Janet Wilmot; Mr. Derek Wynne

### **1. WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting especially the Eastney Practice members and Marian Parfitt from Breast Cancer Haven and Martin Long from WAMS who will be giving short talks on their work.

The Chairman requested that any questions or comments about the presentations or reports be kept until the speaker had finished.

### **2. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

### **3. BREAST CANCER HAVEN**

Marian Parfitt gave details of Breast Cancer Haven which gave free breast cancer support to help through the toughest times, it was available to anyone affected by breast cancer and no referral from a GP was required. They had a team of experienced healthcare professionals, counsellors and therapists to give support every step of the way. The support programme included 12 free hours of one-to-

one appointments to help with symptoms and side effects as well as help with healthy eating, exercise and stress reduction.

The local centre was at Titchfield but support was also available over the telephone and via a self-help DVD/CD. Information about the services could be found at [breastcancerhaven.org.uk](http://breastcancerhaven.org.uk) and the local support telephone number was 01329 559290

The Chairman thanked Marian for her presentation.

#### **4. WAMS**

Martin Long said that Multiple Sclerosis (MS) was the most common disabling neurological condition affecting young adults, there were about 100,000 with the condition in the UK. WAMS (Working Age with MS) was a Portsmouth based group, that was a registered charity, had been set up to help provide mutual support in a friendly and welcome environment. The group was not just aimed at the person with MS but also their family carers and friends. It was a place where people could learn from the experiences of others in all areas. The group met on the first Wednesday of every month at Waterlooville Community Centre from 7pm to 9pm.

The Chairman thanked Martin for his presentation.

#### **5. CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

The Chairman said that the next Citywide PPG Meeting would be held on 6 November at Portsmouth Academy Training and Learning Centre, St. Marys Road at 6pm when there will be a presentation on The Quality Improvement Plan of Portsmouth Hospitals NHSTrust and The Queen Alexandra Hospital would be holding Autumn Public meetings where there will be a presentation on some of current issues at the hospital and you can ask questions about the hospital. These meetings would be held at:

Methodist Church Hall, High Street Lee on Solent on 24 October 7.30pm to 9pm

Portsmouth Academy, St Marys Road on 6 November 6pm to 7.30pm

Portchester Community Centre, Westlands Grove, Portchester on 24 November 11am to 12.30pm

## 6. PRACTICE UPDATE

Sally Atkins reported that;

a. Staff

Dr. Penny Wilson has taken up the post of a new partner to the practice.

Dr. Beatrice Smith was shortly going on maternity leave

Dr. Zenna Friend would be leaving

Dr. Kerry Smith is now a salaried GP

Amy Flatters would be starting as a new nurse and new receptionists would be starting.

b. Phone Hub

In future there would be a GP on duty in the phone hub on Mondays to give assistance to patients phoning in.

c. Rowlands Pharmacy

The two Rowlands pharmacies 129 Eastney Road and 117 Winter Road were scheduled to be combined and any representations on the proposed combination should be sent to PCSE Enquiries PO Box 350, Darlington DL1 9QN or email [pcse.marketentry@nhs.net](mailto:pcse.marketentry@nhs.net) by 24 November 2017.

d. PPG Membership

There were now 190 PPG members, 150 of whom were contacted by email and 40 via post

## 7. PRACTICE MERGER

Dr. Price said that there had many changes over the years with better health care and more effective medicines resulting in an improved quality of life.

In the City there had been changes, 8 years ago there were 26 GP practices, there were now 11, patients had more complex needs and smaller practices were having problems. Ramillies Practice had merged with The Osborne Practice, 18 months ago, creating The Trafalgar Group Medical Practice, after some initial problems all was now working well. The plan now was for The Eastney Practice to merge with The Trafalgar Group Medical Practice, which was a natural evolution, as from 1 April 2018 and after running a parallel system for a short time the practices would be completely merged on 1 July 2018, the merged practice would keep the name Trafalgar Group Medical Practice. There would be 11 GPs in the Practice and patients would be able to continue to see whichever GP or nurse they wanted. The telephone system would be updated to cope with the merger.

## **8. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Future meetings of the PPG had been arranged for and 8 February 2018 and 7 June 2018, the Chairman hoped to be able to arrange a speaker to talk about prostate cancer at the next meeting and was in the process of arranging other speakers for these meetings. Both meetings will commence at 5pm and be held at Eastney Health Centre.