



Bodriggy Patient Participation Group

Patient Participation Group Meeting

Wednesday 27 July 2016 at 7pm

Present: Stephanie Jones, Practice Manager (SJ), David Raymer (DR), Lee Saunders (LS), Christine Lorente (CL), Henry Blakeley (HB), David Cupples (DC), David Jones (DJ), Margaret Tanner (MT),

Apologies: Margaret Woolock (MW), Diane Gibney (DG), Lionel Dunn (LD)

Visitors:

Derek from Cornwall GP Out of Hours Service - Did not attend. The practice will get in touch to reschedule.

Welcome by DR and the minutes approved as a true record.

Matters arising from previous minutes.

Hayle Celebration Day – MT – Celebration Day went very well.

Pharmacists in Practice Pilot Scheme – SJ. The practice is lucky enough to have a pharmacist to join the practice for 3 years on this pilot scheme. The pharmacist is part-time and the salary is part funded by the practice and part funded by NHS England. The pilot is organised through Live Well Southwest. The practice hopes that the pharmacist will assist patients and the practice with medication problems, carry out medication reviews, work closely with the local pharmacies and the prescription clerks at the practice. The practice hopes that the pharmacist will help reduce the administration burden for the clinicians and reduce the number of errors.

Dr Slater's Retirement – SJ. Dr Slater is retiring at the end of September after 29 years of service to Bodriggy Health Centre. Dr Tamara Curnow, who has worked at the practice as a GP Registrar, will be taking over from Dr Slater from the beginning of October. Patients who are registered with Dr Slater, will automatically be transferred to Dr Curnow. MT offered to organise a card for Dr Slater on behalf of the PPG members.

Drug Driving Law "breathalyser for drugs" – it is now an offence to drive with any of 17 controlled drugs above a specified level in your blood. This includes illegal and prescribed medical drugs (for example Zapan). The limits set for each drug is different, and for illegal drugs the limits set are

extremely low, but have been set at a level to rule out any accidental exposure (i.e from passive smoking).

Officers can test for cannabis and cocaine at the roadside, and screen for other drugs, including ecstasy, LSD, ketamine and heroin at the police station. Even drivers that pass the roadside check can be arrested if the police suspect that your driving is impaired by drugs.

The penalties for drug driving are the same as for drink driving.

The practice will be advising patient of the Law when prescribing any medication that may affect driving.

Any Other Business:

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Screening. The NHS AAA Screening Programme was set up in England in 2009 and has been offered throughout the UK since the end of 2013.

Men aged over 65 are far more likely to have an AAA than women or younger men – so any man registered with a GP will receive a letter inviting him for screening in the year he turns 65. The screening involves a simple ultrasound scan. The screening programme offer appointments at the surgery. DR they also rent a room at Hayle Day Centre.

On-line Appointments. LS feels that there are not enough appointments available online. Are patients whose doctor works ¾ time disadvantaged. SJ there are more appointments available for a full-time doctor but this should disadvantage patients because the doctors patient list size is less for a part-timer so less demand for appointments compared to a full-time doctor.

LS - Medications running out at different times. SJ – the practice can align prescriptions so that they run out at the same time. Patients can contact Elly McCallum, Reception Office Manager, who can assist with this.

Medication packaging issues – does the practice have any influence over the drug companies? SJ – Kernow NHS Prescribing Team would have more influence than Bodriggy Health Centre alone. Dr Gibson, who works as a GP at the surgery, also works as Prescribing Lead for Kernow CCG covering Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly. The PPG may find it useful to invite Dr Gibson to a PPG meeting.

MT – Community Songs of Praise on Sunday 7th August at 6pm at Hayle Day Care Centre. Can the practice display a poster in the waiting room? SJ yes.

MT – Hayle Food Bank continues to operate. Food is donated by Co-op, Asda and through the kindness of local people. Any surplus food goes to Hayle Day Care Centre (the Day Care Centre is no longer receiving funding from Cornwall Council). People are not only supplied with food but they also have access to other help for benefits & housing. DC is a financial advisor and has offered his assistance.

HB – **TV in the waiting room.** Patients can only see the TV if they are facing it. Could there be another TV on the other wall? SJ – will ask the Friends of Bodriggy group to consider raising funds to support this.

St Michaels Hospital – wards are closing at St Michaels Hospital for the summer and nurses will go to Treliske. HB – Concerned that the hospital is at risk of closure if not used enough.

St Michaels Hospital – out-patients under used. Can the practice refer patients there? The practice does not refer patients to a specific hospital anymore. The system changed a few years ago following the introduction of Choose and Book. The practice refers patients to the Referral Management Service (RMS) who make contact with the patient and arrange appointments. The doctors do mention that the service is available at St Michaels Hospital if they remember and if they have time during the consultation.

Can information about the services offered at St Michaels go on the TV screen in the waiting room? SJ - Yes the practice would be happy to include a slide if St Michaels Hospital would like to prepare one.

LS – **Edward Hain Hospital** remains closed pending completion of works for fire safety regulations. RCHT tried to sell Edward Hain but were unable to due to a Covenant in the Title Deed which was put in place by the Hain family. LS wonders if St Michaels has a similar Covenant.

Date for next meeting: The meeting will be dedicated to speaker, Derek, from Cornwall GP Out of Hours – Tuesday 13 September at 6.30pm at Bodriggy Health Centre.