

SOTHALL MEDICAL CENTRE AND BEIGHTON HEALTH CENTRE

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Sothall Medical Meeting held on Thursday 20 November 2014 at Centre.

Chairperson: Dr Tim Williams.

Members Present: JW, JW, TS, JS, KS, DH, SS, MF, BF, BA, CT, JM, BM, CD, SR, DR, JA.

Matters Arising

1. Dr Williams advised the group we now have Doctors & nurse appointments available to book on line these are available to book in advance, to register for this service patients need to bring in some photographic Identity for example a driving licence or passport.
2. Dr Williams advised the Dr Profiles haven't been added to the website as yet as Dr Collins has joined the practice to replace Dr Roscoe. Dr Collins has 6 sessions per week. One of the members asked what Dr Collins specialised in Dr Williams advised he deals with a bit of everything.
3. Dr Ellis has retired - One of the group members asked if there has been any further thought for another diabetic Dr to take over from Dr Ellis. Dr Williams advised Dr Linsky also specialises in diabetes and possibly and he will take over preliminary, Dr Collins may take on the role of dealing with diabetics, this is to be discussed.
4. Dr Williams also advised the group of Lorraine's retirement after working at the practice for over 20 years.
5. Dementia Screening Financial Incentives – CCG are wanting GP'S to screen for Dementia, the practice already has a dementia screening register in place and we are at the required target.
6. Clinical Quality Commission - Have been in the news recently regarding for GP practices, the bandings are 1 to 6 (1 being a cause for concern) the CQC visited both Beighton & Sothall surgeries and we was given a band 5 for both surgeries.
7. Westfield Surgery – Jackie Ashton advised the group that Westfield Surgery will be closing end of December/ January due to the GP retiring and no other GP has shown any interest to take this practice over. No formal notice but a meeting has been arranged for the 2nd week in December. Dr Williams advised there is a concern over 2,000 patients without a GP. We have already had a few patients register here from the Westfield Surgery and we are keeping an eye on the number of patients who register from the Westfield Surgery. One of group members asked if 2000 more patients would generate more income and would this be a stronger case to keep Beighton open. Dr Williams advised more patients equals more income equals extra work which in turn would mean we would have to employ more medical staff.

8. Beighton Update – Survey Results Showed Option A 37% Option B 63% 652 completed surveys received. This does not mean Beighton will close.
9. There are a lot of concerns about Beighton closing. For example: Difficulty in attending Sothall/ Lack of appointments/ Limited parking/Beighton pharmacy. A representative from the Beighton Chemist attended the PPG and advised whatever happens with the Beighton Health Centre the chemist will still operate. Dr Williams asked Jackie when we will hear anything at the moment we are still waiting for a response from NHS England Dr Williams advised the NHS is disorganised and dragging there heals due to the general election. The Lease expires April 2015 for Beighton Health Centre this doesn't mean we have to leave in April.
10. One of the group members express concerns over having to possibly go to hospital for blood tests and having waiting times of approximately 2 to 4 hours. If cuts in services are needed we need to take this in to consideration and try to keep the Health Care Assistants to avoid patients having to go to hospital for blood tests.
11. There was a discussion about the services offered by the pharmacy that have taken over the Sothall Chemist Dr Williams to look in to this further.
12. New patient attended the meeting and advised that we are very efficient.
13. Dr Williams advised the group, of Beighton Welfare Charitable Fund for further information please see the Beighton Parish Magazine or visit the website beightonrelief@hotmail.co.uk.

The next meeting has been arranged for Thursday 29 January 2015 5pm @ Sothall.