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NOTES OF THE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

Date: 31st May 2016

Location: The Leys Community Centre

<p><u>1. Welcome and Introductions</u> The Chairman welcomed the group. Present were: Rachel White (Practice Manager); Don Gifford (Chair), Maureen Whitehead, Thomas Whitehead, Joan Tracey, Maurice Tracey, David Croft.</p>	
<p><u>2. Notes of the last meeting</u> These were verified by the group as an accurate record of the meeting.</p>	
<p><u>3. News from the Practice</u> Rachel advised the group that the Practice were currently recruiting for a new dispenser and hope that interviews would take place within the next month.</p> <p>The Practice had received 0 responses from the Friends and Family Test in April 2016.</p>	
<p><u>4. Update on Practice Accommodation</u> Rachel informed the Group that there was a meeting on Wednesday 18th May to discuss the future of Lowdham Health Centre. Present at the meeting was Dr Claire Hatton of the Jubilee Practice, patient representatives, Nottingham CityCare, Parish, District and County Councillors and Dr Bill Muir.</p> <p>The current position is that an NHS building survey and the Care Quality Commission have stated that the existing surgery is no longer adequate. Consideration has been given to building a new medical centre which could house both the Jubilee and Ivy Practices but, due to the shortage of land, any such development would have to be outside Lowdham or on the very edge of the village. This would create problems of accessibility for many residents of Lowdham. After consulting with patients, Dr Hatton had put forward a plan to continue her practice in the existing location and to improve both the building and range of services that she could provide by entering into a partnership with Nottingham CityCare. With the assistance of CityCare, Dr Hatton has produced plans for development of the existing surgery. Dr Muir is the freehold owner and landlord and he has agreed to the improvements. The plans have been supplied to Dr Panesar of The Ivy Medical Group but he has yet to make a decision on the issues facing both of his surgery sites. The Nottingham North and East Clinical Commissioning Group (which controls NHS spending) had stipulated that it needed both practices to agree a way forward and the differing aspirations has meant that it was impossible to proceed with either proposal.</p> <p>Some months have passed since the original plans were prepared and Dr Hatton felt that it was important to make progress. This was particularly important because she wished to make a bid for funding for the works from the Estates and Technology Transformation Fund. The application had to be made by 21st May and it is important that the opportunity is not missed. Dr Panesar had been invited to participate in the bidding process but had said that he was still undecided and he also declined an invitation to attend the meeting. Dr Hatton and CityCare had, therefore, decided that The Jubilee Practice had no alternative but to submit a bid for funding. Dr Hatton told the meeting that she believed that she had to act in the interests of her patients to secure the provision of quality medical care in the centre of Lowdham. However, she stressed that the plans were still at a formative stage and she is happy to include the Ivy Practice in the bid should Dr Panesar decide at a future date that he wished to participate in the scheme.</p>	

<p>Rachel informed the group that the practice had submitted the application for funding by 21st May but had received notification the following day that the CCG would be unable to nominate our application as they required the application to be from both practices.</p> <p>Dr Hatton, Lyn Bacon, Chief Executive of CityCare and Rachel had met with the Deputy Chief Operating Officer (DCOO) regarding the disappointing news that our bid could not go any further and explained our frustrations around this. The DCOO explained that she would try to liaise with The Ivy Medical Group and see if there was any possibility of them further considering joining and supporting our application.</p>	
<p><u>5. Focus and ideas for the PPG</u> Due to the amount of work required for the funding application for the building, Rachel had not been able to gather any information or work on the emergency leaflet which had been discussed at the previous meeting. This will be discussed again in the future along with a PPG leaflet.</p>	
<p><u>6. Any other business</u> A practice newsletter is due to be written during June. The PPG asked that a factual piece of information about the progress with the building is included alongside relevant summer self-care information. Rachel agreed that she would write the newsletter and get this ready to be handed out in early July.</p>	
<p><u>7. Date of the Next Meeting</u> The date of the next meeting is 22nd June 2016 at 10.30am at The Ley Community Centre.</p>	