

MAYFLOWER MEDICAL CENTRE (MMC)

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING

Monday 16th January 2017 at 18.45

Chair: Marilyn Jones (MJ)

Attendees:

Marilyn Jones – Chair
Lizzie Stovell (LS) – Practice Manager
Tony Whitmarsh – PPG Member
Patricia Paxon – PPG Member
Michael Loveridge – PPG Member
David Smith – PPG Member
Louise Armstrong – PPG Member
John Butcher – PPG Member
Julie Penticost - PPG Member
Edward Penticost - PPG Member

Note taker: Kate Larden - Minute taker

Apologies

Sheena Parsons – PPG Member Sue Swan - PPG Member Ann Haylett - PPG Member Deana Hall - PPG Member

AGENDA

3.	Minutes of the last meeting	MJ
	The minutes from our previous PPG meeting were reviewed, approved and signed by the	
	chairman.	
4.	Matters arising from those minutes	MJ
	None.	
5.	General Health Forum Meetings Update	MJ
	• New CCG website – MJ reported that a presentation of the new site was shown. More	
	user friendly but still in the planning stage and was only shown for comment and isn't yet a live site.	
	 Presentation from PALS – advised that each area will have its own PALS – for instance 	
	the CCG has one, the hospital have another. PALS will liaise with one another where	
	the complaint or problem involves other areas.	
	 Presentation at the friendship café with a talk about the MIU informing attendees that 	TW
	on average 19 people attend the unit daily, 5 of which do not have a minor injury.	
	Clacton MIU see more patients daily but many of those attending should see a GP not	
	MIU. MJ shared that Clacton and Colchester were shown to have more attendances	
	than Harwich and expressed concern that when the various minor injuries/walk in	
	centres were being described, it was not comparing like for like - Clacton and certainly	
	Colchester were open for longer hours so it wasn't really surprising that the numbers might be lower.	

	 LS advised that if MIU does close, Mayflower Medical Centre will not pick up minor 	
	injuries – patients would need to travel to Clacton/Colchester.	
	 PPG Liaison meeting discussed Phlebotomy in Clacton 	
	 Podiatry for diabetics. ML reported that they did not have any knowledge of Diabetes 	ML
	and recommended the NEEDS brochure on what patients should ask when patients	
	attend clinics.	
6.	Blood test/Phlebotomy	LS
	Blood tests forms are no longer hand written as they have been in the past but are now issued	
	electronically and printed by the phlebotomist as the tests are being carried out. This is part of	
	the transfer of the laboratory services to TPP in Suffolk and Cambridge. Unfortunately we have	
	experienced many problems mainly to do with the logistics and organisation. All practices in	
	North East Essex are experiencing unsuccessful bloods due to sample being 'too old' (see letter	
	attached). However one benefit we do have is that we can now see results carried out by	
	consultants or hospital that wouldn't have been copied to us otherwise. The responsibility for	
	reporting to patient will still be with the clinician who requested the test. We would use it as	
	info only.	
	LS is on a working group with CCG and another Practice Manager to investigate and resolve	
	these issues and it has started to settle down now.	
7.	Practice Pharmacist	LS
	Really good feedback from patients who have seen her for a medication review. Patients can	
	request to see her for medication reviews. More information on Caroline can be found on our	
	website: http://www.mayflowermedicalcentre.co.uk/staff1.aspx?p=F81077	
3.	Update of GP's	LS
	Dr Ghosh – Maternity Leave	
	Dr Roberts – Maternity Leave	
	Dr Wilson – Retired end of January, coffee morning 4.2.17 and patients were informed by text	
	message. Patients will be mainly looked after by Dr Kearey who joined us as a salary GP in	
	October 2016 (see website)	
	Dr Twumasi – planning on early retirement due to ill health	
	Dr Susa – returned from maternity leave working Tuesday and Wednesdays, we are hoping to	
	recruit someone to share her workload and will then reduce the number of patients registered	
	with her.	
	Dr Burn – returning from maternity leave in February	
	Dr Kearey – taking on some of Dr Wilsons patients and working Monday and Tuesdays	
	We have two young GP's working with us as locums on two days a week and we hope that they	
	will become salaried GP's.	
	We are still short of 3.5 GP's in terms of sessions.	
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	We now have two Nurse Practitioners who are taking on visits to residential homes covering	
	minor illnesses. GP's are also carrying out a high number of home visits.	
	MJ advised that having spoken to patients here who have come from other surgeries, the	
	system is superbly better. ML agreed that the new treatment room process is also more	
	efficient and user friendly. LA advised she thought the call back service was effective.	
€.	Temporary Closed List	LS
	NHS England are now putting pressure on us to open our list to new patients. We still get daily	
	requests from patients asking to register with us. PPG agreed that as things stand, we should	
	keep list closed for the safety of our patients and staff as long as possible.	
LO.	Super GP Practices	LS
	There has been quite a bit of press/media regarding the new super practices where surgeries	
	are joining together to become one super practice. GP forward view also recommends this new	
	way of working. Mayflower Medical Centre is in talks with five other Practices to work	
	together, however we aren't looking to join other Practices or vice versa. This would be more	
	of a partnership that will share services, share the responsibility of extended hours.	
ļ	Government are putting pressure on surgeries to be open 7 days a week for longer periods	

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