

**Ferrybridge Medical Centre
Patient Participation Group Meeting held on
Monday 19 September 2016
Venue – Ferrybridge Community Centre**

Present: *Practice Business Manager, GP Senior Partner, Administrative Assistant, 3 Patients*

Apologies: *4 Patients*

Introductions:

New member introduced to the meeting

The first part of the meeting was a talk from Jocelyn Egan and Emma Williams from the Medicines Optimisation Team at Wakefield CCG.

From 1 November patients in the whole of the Wakefield area will be responsible for ordering their own prescriptions. The CCG will shortly be sending out posters/leaflets to practices/chemists to advertise this change. The change will only effect patients who use a chemist to order their repeat prescription, please see enclosed letter.

Minutes from last meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 June were agreed as a true record

Action Points:

Practice Update:

Staff:

Dr McGowan has now returned to the practice from maternity leave.

The practice has another Physician Associate starting with the practice on 23 September. They will work every Friday and will be sitting in with different clinicians over the coming weeks.

Elizabeth Court Merger:

Dr Earnshaw discussed with the group regarding Ferrybridge Medical Centre Partnership merging with Elizabeth Court Surgery Partnership from April 2017. This will become a legal partnership. He advised the group that the NHS see a different type of Primary Care delivered to patients at scale and that both practices feel they can offer and deliver a good service to all patients.

Dr Earnshaw informed the group of the potential benefits that could come as a result of the merger, these include:

- To be in a position to take on a new contract with more benefits to the practice
- Provide more care in the community
- Surgery can be accessed up until 8pm on an evening.
- Employ our own community Nursing Team
- Employ consultants for certain conditions
- Employ a Pharmacist to deal with any medication queries for patients
- Emergency care to be delivered by one Doctor in a car covering the whole district area.

These type of initiatives will be developed over the coming months and years .

Dr Earnshaw carried on informing the group that all services will remain the same within surgery. There will be a clinical lead GP and Nurse within each practice and GPs will stay within their practices but may cover sites if they specialise in a certain condition. There will be scope to offer extended hours to all patients from 5pm until 8pm. This could be held centrally at the Castleford branch.

Mr Johns informed the group that a letter will be sent out to all patients at Ferrybridge Medical Centre to advise of the merger (see enclosed).

Patient asked if the King Street Walk in Centre in Wakefield will close. She was advised at the minute this will remain open, but could close when things begin to change within Primary Care. Discussions went on to inform the group that at present patients can use the out of ours GP service at Pontefract Hospital available on a weekend for acute problems. Hopefully in the future with extended house NHS 111 and out of hours will be able to book patients directly into appointments with our surgeries if patients contact before closing or first thing in the morning.

Patient has agreed to attend surgery within the next week to answer any questions or queries patient may have regarding the merger.

Federation:

AOB:

Members of the group asked if information on the televisions in the waiting room can be simplified. It was agreed to feed back this request to the relevant staff.

It was agreed that the practice will advertise in the newsletter and Facebook for more members to join.

Date of Next Meeting:

December – date to be confirmed