

Notes of the Open Meeting of the Primrose Hill Patient Participation Group

Tuesday 30 January 2018

Present: John Nutt (chair), Doro Marden NW1 8YS (secretary) Des Pellicena NW1 8UD (committee member)

Members: Susan Hadley NW1 8UD, Ofelia Cadavid NW1 8UE, Roy Lee NW18UD, Jeanette Clarke NW3 3JJ, Martyn Ware NW1 8JS, Coral Bower NW1 7RT, Dick Bird NW1 8LN, Carole Sandman, NW1 8YN, Pauline Benavides NW3 3AS, David Thomas NW1 7SY, Lesley Stewart NW1 7TA, Patricia Snell NW1 8JL, Bernard Jolles NW1 8UG, Sylvia Jacobs NW1 8UA, Dorothy Sharp NW1 8LB, Patricia Greene NW3 3AT, Ingrid De NW3 3AG, Kiki Shiouxios, NW3 3QB, Angela Hardy BW1 8YD, Sieiska Cowdrey NW3 3RP, Alison Hardenburg NW1 8AY, Stelios Voutsadaris NW1 8AY, John Sutton NW1 8UB, Valerie St Johnston NW1 8TY, Linda Jennings NW3 3AH, Henrietta Goodden NW1 7SY, Rose Basone NW1 8HX, Liz Goodfellow NW3 2YT, Silvia Ranawake NW1 8TX, Jonathan Triessman NW1 8JA, Richard Crearey NW1 7TL, Helen Newnham NW1 8LN, Sarah Brook NW1 8XB, Ann Howes NW1 8ND, Johanna Harrison NW1 8HN, Helen Duu NW1 8UB, Caroline Cooper NW1 7SX, Anne Moor NW1 8UD, Jaqueline Wills NW1 8ND, Walter Wills NW1 8ND, Azim Lacam NW1 8UR, Judy Hillman NW1 8LL, Emmanuel Adeniji NW1 8ND

In attendance: Dr Abanti Paul, Dr Maria Sa, Dr Jonathan Zeilinger, Dr Lisa Collins, Mr Lalani (local pharmacist), Dr Natasha Kapur (speaker)

Apologies: Barbara Rosenbaum and David Nissan (committee members), Lorna Fowler.

1. Welcome and Introductions

John Nutt welcomed those present and the doctors and committee members introduced themselves.

2. PHPPG AGM

See separate minutes

3. Report about Surgery and Staff

Dr Paul reported that the surgery had undergone a Care Quality Commission inspection in November. The concerns raised by the CQC were mainly due to the lack of a full time administrator leading to incomplete record keeping of things such as the fire inspections. This was being addressed.

The training accreditation for the practice had been reinstated and would start again in August.

The practice had agreed to extend opening hours from 8am to 6.30pm, though the date for starting this was not yet fixed.

There was still no certainty about the premises, since they had been bought by the Hacking Trust and then seemed to be marketed for sale again. A 15 year lease had been offered but

the terms were still not confirmed. The Camden Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England were being supportive and had reassured patients about their continuity of care. There was no existing lease as there had been problems with its renewal, however the surgery still had rights under the old lease.

Concerns were expressed by those who had tried to find out more about the Hacking Trust and how it did business. There did not seem to have been a legal package available for the premises from the auction house which indicated that the offer for sale was perhaps not a serious one.

There was considerable disquiet about the situation and the PPG said that members would be informed as soon as there was firm news.

4. Asset of Community Value

Doro Marden explained about the procedure for listing the surgery premises at 99 Regents Park Road as an 'Asset of Community Value' with the LB Camden, which would give a moratorium on selling for 6 months to give community groups a chance to raise money to buy it. It could also be helpful if change of use was applied for to the planning authority. The meeting strongly supported this initiative.

5. Central Health Evolution

Dr Paul reported that Primrose Hill surgery was part of a GP federation (one of 4 in Camden) that would be providing joint services. These included evening and Saturday hubs, one of these would be at Swiss Cottage and Dr Zeilinger and one of the other doctors would be working there.

6. Farewell to Dr Jane Lim

Dr Lim was retiring after nearly 15 years. A farewell gathering was being held at the library on Tuesday 20 February at 6.30pm. A letter from Dr Lim was read out.

7. Dr Natasha Kapur, consultant dermatologist

Dr Kapur gave an interesting talk with slides about various common forms of skin cancer, how to recognise them and how they were treated. Sun damage was the main cause and she recommended SPF 50 sunscreen, applied thickly and every 2 to 3 hours. To those who felt that some sun was good for vitamin D levels, she replied that even through sunscreen the sun's rays would reach the skin.

Dr Kapur was thanked very much for an informative lecture.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.