

Monkspath Patient Participation Group (PPG)



Minutes 12th February 2019

Present: (AM) (Chair), (TG)*(Vice Chair), (VC)*, (DC)*.

A further 18 PPG members signed in.

Guests: David Carrington-Porter, Rachel Critcher,

Apologies: (MT)*, (GL)*, (ME)*, (EA)*, (GI), (CH).

*Denotes Steering Group member

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BP has stood down as a member of the SG. He has conflicting demands on Tuesday evenings. He was thanked for his input. From the Chair there was an appeal for new members to join the SG.

Minutes: The last meeting's minutes (11th Dec 2018) were agreed and approved.

Opening Address: (AM) welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially the person who was attending for the first time.

On a show of hands it appears that the circulation via email of newsletters etc. is working satisfactorily.

Likewise three people confirmed that they had received the latest flyer.

Guest Speaker

The Chair introduced David Carrington-Porter, who had eye problems at a child and this developed into the complete loss of vision before his teens.

David then outlined some of the things he had done in mountaineering, hill walking and similar pursuits. The most famous of which was Kilimanjaro.

He then explained and demonstrated many of the aides which allow him and his partner, who is also blind, to cope with everyday life: including demonstrating the use of brail and the

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special equipment he has to allow him to write in brail. However newer IT based solutions are now appearing and several of these he demonstrated.

At the end he showed the audience a football that had ball-bearings inside, so that as it travelled it 'rattled', allowing a blind player to locate its whereabouts. It is also used for cricket.

A Q & A session followed.

The NHS Long Term Plan

(TG) presented a synopsis of the recently released Long Term plan of what the NHS was expecting to achieve over the next ten years. The full document runs to 120-page and Kings Fund Summary of the Plan runs to 26 pages. Tony has prepared a 'one pager' (attached). The NHS has now issued a two page summary (also attached).

A general discussion on this and Q & A followed.

Solihull Health Partnership

The discussions on the Long Term Plan (above item) morphed into a discussion about the formation of the Solihull Health Partnership (SHP). Rachel Critcher, formerly our Practice Manager, who has recently been appointed as the Human Resources and Operation Manager, of this new SHP set-up, then joined in the discussion.

Key points included:

1. From early April the seven surgeries involved will become one practice – Solihull Health Partnership and this will be a single unit, as far as contracting with the NHSE/BSol CCG is concerned.
2. The seven surgeries that comprise the SHP will maintain their locality descriptor e.g. Monkspath Surgery, but Monkspath practice will cease to exist.
3. There will be unification of the IT systems, so that all patients (some 50,000* in total) will be registered under SHP. However the office/receptions at the individual surgeries will continue to operate.
4. Whilst it is anticipated that most Monkspath patients will still book appointments through the Monkspath Reception, there will be an opportunity to utilize any of the other six, as all GPs/Nurses, within SHP, will have the same access to all patient records.

*N.B. In the Long Term Plan the establishment of Primary Care Networks (PCNs) is envisaged for practices in the 35,000 to 50,000 category: so HSP is likely to be designated thus.



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A.O.B

There being no AOB, (AM) thanked everyone for attending and the speakers for their input.

Provisional Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 9th April 2019. 7.00pm until 8.30pm at the surgery