

Minutes
for a meeting held at Seahouses Surgery
Tuesday, 9 October, 2018 at 2.00

1. **Present:** Rosemary Ellis RE, Dennis Cromarty, Joy Palmer-Cooper JPC, Pat Brown, Marjorie Turner, Jack Arowsmith JA, Sue and Ron Pearson, Liz Taylor, Brenda Stanton BS. Dr Caitlin Longster CL
2. **Apologies:** Fiona Reed, Sheena Trotter, Lorraine Douglas
3. **Welcome to new members:** RE welcomed new members and asked members around the table to introduce themselves.
4. **Minutes of last meeting** – draft minutes 27 June 2018: accepted as a true record.
5. **Matters arising:**

Flu jabs RE – There was discussion about patients having jabs at Pharmacies instead of Practice and resultant wastage. There is a role for Chemists for those who do not qualify, and Chemists fulfil a valuable role in Community. Some patients are aware of how the Practice is funded but some are not interested.

The CEO at Carers Northumberland has changed.

MIND may provide a speaker for a presentation on Mental Health Issues.

RE confirmed that all PPGs are run differently.

No new information about roadworks on A1.
6. **Clinical Commissioning Group Locality meetings:** Funding has improved recently. There is a charge to GPs for referral of patients to Hospital or Consultant Clinic. Most issues are appropriately managed in Primary Care. Self-help also needs to be promoted.
(For your information: CCG are trying to arrange Liaison Group meeting – in contact with BS and RE)
7. **Update from Practice:** CL More appointment sessions available, including evening and weekends, with GPs across North of County,

spread between Practices in Belford, Wooler and Berwick: the number available at a Practice are dependent on the size of the Practice. Belford is Tuesday Evening. Patients cannot make appointments and it is not for urgent treatment. This scheme is 'not going well in the South of the County'

Northern Doctors provides Out of Hours Service (111) outside of extended hours.

8. **RCGP survey:** a Future Vision for General Practice: JA valued information from organisations he did not know existed. He had completed the recent RCGP Survey about the future of General Practice. PB asked if she could see the survey. BS to forward.
9. **Healthwatch Northumberland:** BS to arrange a Speaker for next meeting.
10. **BMEF: next meeting 7 November, included AGM** Discussion and clarification about organisation
11. **AOB:** JPC outlined concept of Bereavement pack but discussion to be deferred to a future meeting
12. **Date of next meetings: 28 November, 2pm at Belford
15 January 2019, at Seahouses**