

MINUTES OF PATIENTS PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING HELD AT BELFORD ON WEDNESDAY

2nd DECEMBER 2015 at 2.00pm

Present:- Rosemary Ellis (Chair),

Marjorie Turner: Anne Gladstone: Sheena Trotter: Dennis Cromarty : John Bardsley and

Margaret Colman : Judith Cowan.(a virtual member)

Apologies received from Brenda Stanton, Joy Palmer, Elizabeth Nicholson, Elaine & Stuart Robertson, .

Mrs Ellis opened the meeting by welcoming all present

The Minutes of the previous meeting dated 13th October had been circulated..These were accepted.

Mrs Ellis introduced Lena Gray of the Podiatry Service. This lady had come along to address the meeting in place of Jane Johnson who came later. The Service was explained to the Group as to how it can be accessed and the various parts of Northumberland where the Clinics are held. A leaflet is to be prepared and despatched to the Group outlining the various details, i.e. Times and Venue.

Matters arising from previous Minutes:

- (i) C.C.G. Minutes were circulated by Alan Bell on line
- (ii) Practice Web Site: was discussed but needs further consideration
- (iii) BMEF: how G.Ps request equipment to be purchased by the Fund – and the contribution made by the PPG in the decision making process
- (iv) Practice Telephone system - Details on the Web site
- (v) Re-cycling of unused medicines. Ann Gladstone outlined the procedure for us... ie. E.U. Legislation changes and updates
- (vi) BMEF Meeting Dates: . 10 Feb. May 19. Aug.25 and Nov.17 (2016)

Any Other Business:-

Marjorie Turner mentioned she had attended a meeting of the newly-formed Berwick Being Well. An update had been received outlining the essentials required for North Northumberland (and Borders) Further updates will be received in due course. Comments were mostly re transport.

Mrs Rosemary Ellis spoke of a meeting she had attended with Penny Spring of Public Health re community needs in the rural area. Raised the issue of Podiatry Services and foot care needs of the elderly..Timely?

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 9 February 2016. 2.00pm at Seahouses Medical Centre

Mrs Ellis thanked all who had attended and the meeting was declared closed at 3.30pm.