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**The Wheatbridge Patients’ Participation Group**

**Minutes of the WPPG Meeting held on 15 October 2024**

**Present:** Judith Stanley Sue Ottowell

Ann Bailey Mike Little

Dr Susan Savage Tony Pope

Libby Morris Spencer Hoskin

Joanne Taylor Bridget Dunks

Angie Baker Tracey Lawson

Rebecca Mason

**Apologies:** Philip Abbott Ian Edmundson

Carole Sadler Ruth Ludford

Sandra Cresswell

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Judith welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 23 July were agreed as a true and correct record and below comment.

Judith wanted to convey her thanks to Matt for getting the lift mended.

1. **Feedback from Group Reps**

There was no feedback from the group reps.

Judith thanked Ian.

1. **Items from the suggestion box**

There were no suggestions in the suggestion box.

Judith thanked both Spencer and Tracey.

1. **Future speakers**

A discussion took place as to who the members would like to hear from in the future. It was decided that they would like to hear about services that are done at the Surgery other than the GPs and nurses. Dr Savage will update them at the next meeting. They also want to know what Services they can self-refer to.

Lucy Notley, care coordinator and Emily Hardy, Community Matron will be asked if they could attend a future meeting to explain their roles. The Community Eyecare Service is run from the Surgery and it might be interesting for them to attend a future meeting. Tracey will speak to them to see if this is possible.

Interest was also shown in the Audiology Services and it was not sure whether anyone from the Chesterfield Royal Hospital would be able to attend a meeting to advise them. Tracey will make enquiries and report back.

1. **Any Other Business**

Ruth Ludford had asked what the same day assessment pathway at Chesterfield Royal Hospital is,

Dr Savage explained that patients who attend the GPs with acute medical conditions, eg suspected appendicitis can be referred straight to the same day assessment ward. The GP would contact them by telephone and send the patient directly to the ward instead of having to go through A&E.

Judith mentioned that the potholes at the entrance to the Surgery carpark were getting worse and had been for some time. Angie explained that Matt had been dealing with this and was awaiting a rr response. It is still not clear whose responsibility the access road is as it is owned by Robinsons and Assura but Matt has already informed Assura of the problems and hopefully will get a response soon. Robinsons are also aware of the problems. Joanne Taylor is going to mention this to Toby Perkins to see if we can get any clarity on the situation.

Joanne Taylor informed the members that she is in collaboration with Toby Perkins at the moment and are in the process of organizing a trauma therapy group. She explained that funding is now in place, and they are trying to get helpers. Hopefully it will be in Chesterfield town centre. It is hoped to help people with PTSD, depression and people who have suffered child abuse amongst other things. To start off with it will be a generalized group and then sub-groups will be set up. It is referral via the GPs or Mental Health Team. Joanne will inform us when referrals can be made and how to do so. The Medical Director of Derbyshire Health Care and the Director of Nursing are involved. Joanne Taylor will help with the counselling. Some of the Mental Health nurses will help out on their days off and assured the group that it is fully safeguarded.

Joanne will keep the surgery updated.

Sue Ottowell informed the members that the Chesterfield Care Group host a meeting for Carers each Thursday from 12:30 to 14:30. This is where Carers can talk to each other, compare notes and exchange information, and get peer support. It was originally set up for Carers of people who used the Chesterfield Care Group services but is open to anyone caring for someone. The current members of the Group agree that it is and has been literally a life-saver. It gives them two hours away from their main “job” of caring in the company of people who “get it” because they are in the same boat. Over the two-and-a-half years the Group has been running they have become a “family”. So far, everyone at the Group is caring for someone with dementia, although they may also have other chronic illnesses.

If someone comes to the Carer’s Group, the person they care for can be looked after by the main Care Group for the duration of the meeting, giving the Carer a real break and the freedom to say whatever they like without having to be careful about the “cared for” person listening.

It is the only such Group that any of us knows about in the Chesterfield area.

Sue and two of the other members whose spouses have now died have continued to attend the Group as they still feel part of the “family” and it gives them some continuity in their lives.

Contact details for Chesterfield Care Group are 01246 274812 and Sue thinks that they are on site from 09:00 to 15:00. They are based at the former Hasland Youth Centre in the grounds of Hasland Schools on Broomfield Avenue, Hasland, S41 0LP.

Judith thanked Tracey and Angie for doing the board promoting the WPPG that was used at the flu clinic. Members to consider how we can promote the WPPG in future and gain more members. To bring suggestions to the next meeting.

1. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 14 January 2025 at

12.00 noon.

Judith thanked members for attending.

The meeting closed at 12.45pm