**PPG MEETING 05/02/2016**

**Present: Dr S Sukumar(SS) Julie Gordon(JG) Douglas Hoyle(DH) Geoffrey Simmonite(GS) Susan Green(SG) Brian Green(BG)Dr Sarjid Mahmood(SM), Dr M Hillier(MH)**

**Applogies: Julian Boreham, Cynthia Edwards, Tereas Potocki**

**SS Asked if everyone had a copy of the minutes from the last meeting, and could they be agreed. All said that they were correct and true.**

**Rotherham Networking Group.**

**SS asked if DH had been to the last meeting. DH said that he did go, and the topics discussed were Child Exploitation, Drug Wastage, Completion of the new A&E walk in Centre, which is on schedule to be completed in 2017, and How to see your GP. SS said they were trying to pass more and more to GP`s from secondary care, but with GP`s retiring and unable to more GP`s to work in practice it was becoming very difficult.**

**SS explained how patients need to be advised which services are best to access when they have a minor problems, such as pharmacist, walk in centre and contacting 111 for advice. All this could improve services. DH said that Rotherham is 51 out of 61 in the country for being a deprived area.**

**SS told the group that the CCG has suggested training Pharmacist or Nurse Practitioners to run clinics in Surgeries, because of the shortage of Doctors, but our surgery would not be taking part in this scheme.**

**DH told the group that the next Networking Meeting would be 2nd March 2016 at Carlton Park Hotel. SS asked if anyone else would be going. GS said he would be on holiday, and SG and BG would be away also. JG to contact CE to see if she would go.**

**CHANGES TO THE PRACTICE**

**SS told the group that our Practice Manager was off sick for the last 3 months and not sure when she would be returning to work. He told the group that we have a new Business Manager, and she was training JG to take more responsibilities and help the practice get ready for a CQC Visit. He told the group that we were 95% ready for the visit and this had been achieved in the last 3 months. SS told the group that Telephone Triaging at Rawmarsh could not be brought in fully, we are trialing having a few Triaging appointments each day to gradually introduce this and see if it is successful.**

**SS told the group that Dr Byford has had a little boy called Stanley, and he had been to see them and the baby is gorgeous. Dr Helen Mills is returning to work on the 7th March after being off on maternity leave for a year.**

**SS introduce SM to the group as our new GP Registrar who started with us yesterday. He explained how he would be working with SS and would be with us for the next 6 months. SS also told the group that from the 15th February we have a new long term GP starting with us and his name is Dr Robert Spoczynski. He also told the group that Amy was now running phlebotomy clinics at Rawmarsh and Thorpe Hesley, and JB our Health care Assistant was doing more work with the Long Term Conditions and CVD checks.**

**SS explained the new Nursing Home Alignment Scheme, and told the group that we are aligned with The Abbeys, and that eventually all the residents will be registered with our practice, and our patients in other nursing homes will be registered with the Surgeries they have been aligned with. Any patients who do not wish to change doctors may stay with the doctor they are already registered with. This is due to start from 1st April 2016.**

**BG asked if there had been any improvement for the practice with prescription costs. SS explained there were a lot of discrepancies in the cost of drugs. DH asked when medication leaves the pharmacies, unopened can they be reused. SS explained that they could not because the drug safety chain had been broken so they would be destroyed. Also when patients stock pile medication it is a waste and the District Nurses are looking into ways of sorting this with patients on their case load.**

**DH said that the hospital do not help when discharging patients. He told the group that patients could be waiting all day for discharge medications. SS said that is a problem and patients will not wait and come to the GP to obtain their medication which could cause problems, as we have not confirmation of what is required. DH said he had problems with ordering medication for his wife, and SS said he would look into this.**

**PRACTICE NEWSLETTER**

**JG asked if there was anything the group would like to contribute to the newsletter, and to e-mail any ideas as the next one is due to go out in March.**

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

SS asked if there was any other business. DH asked about named GP and over 75 medicals. SS explained that these were being done as standard at every consultation. DH asked about health checks for other patients. SS explained that all patients over 40 years old could request one and this involved a blood test and an appointment with the nurse for results. These are independent of normal medication reviews.

There was no other business to discuss.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 18th March 2016 at 1:00pm