

## St Lawrence Surgery Patient Participation Group

Minutes of the committee meeting held Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6.30pm in the education room.

### **Present**

B. Barden (Chair), J. Skitt (Treasurer), A. Hardwick (Secretary), J. Wadey, E. Bridger, S. Pickering, C. Osborn, C. Moon-Willems, Dr Stokes, P. Newton

### **Apologies:**

L. Hosford, P. Skitt, I. Leedham

### **Previous Minutes:**

Minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January were approved.

### **Treasurers Report:**

- Judith provided detailed information and our assets are £5493.
- The accounts for y/e Dec 2015 were formally agreed.
- Insurance cover for events have been renewed after many problems.

### **Surgery News:**

- JW advised that several GP practices in Worthing are merging due to financial pressures.
- The Miami clinic is due to close at the end of May as it had not resulted in less A&E attendances. JW said they were fighting for it to continue.
- JW requested funding for an iPad for doctors on house calls. This will link to patient's medical records and be a great asset. Committee agreed in principal.
- There have been 166 missed appointments during the past month.
- The AF bar has been placed in the emergency kit and is used by healthcare assistants etc.

### **Updates from Groups:**

- **Singing Group:** Normal weekly meetings will start on April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Stroller Group:** EB advised that new walks have been devised. There are 50-60 walkers most weeks. The walk leaders have now been provided with Hi-Viz jackets which are printed with the St Lawrence Surgery Strollers logo.
- **Self Care:** CMW outlined the group's suggestions.
- **Bookshop:** £142 has been made so far this year. JS & PS will run a children's Book Sale at the Easter coffee morning.

### **Healthwatch:**

BB advised the group independently deals with patient complaints concerning surgeries and hospitals. It wasn't felt to be particularly useful.

### **Quiz Evening:**

Again very well received and requests for more evenings in the future.

### **Patient Education Evening:**

Talks on hay-fever, dementia, back pain and pre-diabetes are planned over the next few months.

### **Easter Coffee Morning:**

PN to provide refreshments and Lucy to arrange children's entertainment.

### **Annual General Meeting:**

Agreed date of 24<sup>th</sup> May. **Please note that this has now been changed to 17<sup>th</sup> May.** JW will ask one of the doctors to give a short talk. BB said that he will do one more year as Chair. AH is stepping down from the committee. He will still be managing the surgery website.

**Health Promotion Day:**

A sub-committee to be formed to oversee the Health Promotion Day which is to be held on Thursday 30 June 1pm to 5pm

**Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 3 May 2016 at 6.30pm**