

**Rosedean House Surgery Patient Participation Group
Minutes of the meeting held on 29th August 2014**

**Present : David Sheppard (DJS) Nick Mallard Tony Reeves Jocelyn
Barnard Ruth Colrein Judy Davies Carol Jay Jackie Le Brocq
Judith Markes Sheila Mullins Liz Webb
Sheila Walker – Cornwall Foundation Trust re : Dementia services**

**Apologies : Mike Davies Edna Caddick Denise Doney Pam Jarvis
Dawn Jeffery Julia Lucas Jacqui Smith Sheila Wilson**

DJS welcomed Sheila Walker from the Cornwall Foundation Trust re Dementia services and she explained that she is a memory assessment practitioner for East Cornwall and is based at Trevillis House. Usually a patient would be referred to her clinic following a visit to their GP where a blood test and a short cognitive test would have been carried out. At the clinic the patients medical history would be looked at and more cognitive tests carried out. Dr Giles Richards the consultant would look at all the information obtained and reach a diagnosis. There are 800,000 dementia sufferers in the UK, certain drugs can slow the rate of decline and the patient is monitored every six months. Age UK do give support and will help with applying for benefits if applicable. Liskeard is about to become a dementia friendly town. Sheila was thanked by DJS on behalf of the group.

Minutes from meeting 19th June 2014:

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising:

There has been no further contact from James Hempstead re. on line services.

All patients over 75 have now been advised of their named Doctor.

Work is continuing to identify and help those most at risk from unplanned hospital admissions and a meeting is held monthly at Rosedean with various experts to look at those patients who have just left hospital and Chris Torpy is continuing to have meetings with those felt to be at risk.

The registered patient list validation exercise is ongoing.

Care Quality Commission inspection process - from October surgeries will be rated in the same way as Schools.

PPG Umbrella Group Update :

Sheila Mullins reported that at the last meeting there had been two speakers from NHS Kernow who spoke about the funding of GP's and drug costs. The umbrella group would like to improve the follow up system when someone is discharged from hospital. Healthwatch have brought out a leaflet and questionnaire which is available online. DJS confirmed that Rosedean have joined Healthwatch and thanked Sheila for attending the umbrella group meetings

Walking Group :

Dr Piper goes on walks arranged by a walking group from Oaktree Surgery and wondered if there would be any interest in setting up such a group at Rosedean. Tony Reeves also goes on these walks and he explained that they meet twice monthly and the walks usually start at 10am and are over by 1 o'clock, the walks are normally

between two and a half miles and four and a half miles long. Each walk has to have a leader who would have walked the route beforehand, Tony agreed to draft a piece for the next practice newsletter so that the level of interest could be ascertained, he felt that a minimum of twenty five people needed to be involved with perhaps ten to twelve on each walk.

Data Sharing : GURU

At the out of hours service appropriate clinicians will be able to access patient records from Rosedean with the patients permission. There will be a strict audit trail so Rosedean will be able to see who has accessed the records, funding has been obtained to set up the necessary IT system.

Staffing Matters :

Dr Harris passed his final exams and left the practice at the beginning of August but may return for some locum work.

Dr Carter will be at the surgery for four months.

The pressure on the dispensary on Monday and Tuesday mornings is particularly intense and a further member of staff has been appointed for those times.

The new receptionist Catherine Attreed has been trained and will be on her own next week.

Dental Services Patient Participation Invitation :

An invitation has been received from NHS England inviting members of Patient Participation Groups to get involved in the planning of dentistry for the future the event is to be held in London on the 23rd September and travelling expenses will be paid.

Building Works :

The front of the building is to be cleaned by stonemasons over a weekend in September. The original Henry Rice drawings show railings on the front of the building which were taken down during the war, these are now to be replaced and DJS is in discussion with a blacksmith to arrange this.

Polkyth Surgery St Austell :

At the beginning of August the partners at Polkyth announced that the practice was no longer financially viable and that they were handing back their contract to the NHS. Virgin and some other private providers expressed an interest but it has been announced today that a consortium of GP's from St Austell has taken the practice over. It is a worrying situation for smaller practices.

Seventy practices in Cornwall have set up a Community Interest Company to take over certain health services.

Provisional date of next meeting : 23rd October 2014 @ 18.30

The speaker will be a manager who deals with the supply of oxygen and medical equipment to patients.