

East Bridgford Medical Centre Practice Participation Group

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Wednesday 8th March 2017

Present: Mike Handy (Chair) Julie Sutherland
Johanne Bloor Richard Mackie
Gillian Stevens Patricia Colcough
John O'Hare (Min. Secretary)

Apologies: J. Wheeler, C. Henwood, C. Habieb, C. Sykes, Dr. C. Cope

Minutes of Last Meeting of 25.01.2017: These were agreed and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising From the Minutes:

PPG Content on the EBMC Website: A number of committee members had provided feedback on the proposed text. It was understood that JW had submitted a revised home page to replace the existing, but due to workload, it had not yet been published.

New EBMC Service – Fracture Liaison Clinic: In the absence of CH, this item was deferred to the next meeting. It was hoped that the EBMC could provide a briefing to CH and that the details of this new service could be advised to patients via the Village Magazine and other publications serving villages outside EB.

PPG Communication with VPPG Document: JO had provided a copy of the document to PC and it was now under consideration by EBMC. JB advised that the VPPG current membership is 166.

Have Your Say – OTC Medicines: JO attended the Bingham survey meeting. The only other attendee was from a Cotgrave PPG. Where patients pay the prescription charge, it is in their best interest to purchase OTC medicines from the pharmacy at lesser cost. Most patients have a medicine cabinet that is replenished via OTC purchases providing remedies for minor illnesses of a short term nature. When considering individual examples of OTC treatments, it was felt that the majority should not be 'on prescription'. This view changed in the cases of housebound patients, patients of practices operating with only a dispensary and patients receiving benefit payments. Under the contract between the drug companies and the NHS, the cost to the NHS of OTC medications can be 5 times greater than that charged to the consumer. We felt that the cost of OTC medicines to the NHS should be no greater than that charged to the consumer.

Action Plan – 2017 / 2018: The plan submitted by MH was discussed and adopted for the next twelve month period.

Village Show Enquiries: GS needed to know what form a PPG participation in the village show would take so that her enquiry might continue. Insurances and format was discussed in outline. GS will make further representations and advise.

Practice Briefing to the PPG:

PC advised that the building works had been completed but for minor finishing off. The treatment and meeting rooms were now operational.

Car parking had returned to normal with additional spaces for patients. Appreciation was conveyed to the staff of the EBMC for the actions taken by them to enable more places for patients.

A Travel Vaccine Clinic will commence operation in the very near future.

An Ultrasound Service will be available at EBMC on two afternoons per month from 12.00 – 17.00 hrs. The Dates in March are the 15th and 27th and the scan is suited for Abdomen, Pelvis, Renal, Testes and AAA.

Three GP Registrars have joined EBMC which will allow more appointment options.

PPG Email Address / Support on EBMC Server:

JO enquired if an EBMC PPG email address could be established on the 'nhs.net'.

He also enquired if the EBMC website server, together with System1, can facilitate communications both to and from the VPPG that is confidential to the PPG.

JB / PC agreed to determine the possibilities and advise.

Any Other Business:

The Diabetes display had worked well and JS was now working on a Bone Health display.

Rushcliffe CCG had advised of the Health Awareness Weeks that they would wish us to support during the period April 2017 – March 2018. It was suggested that we might choose one for each quarter as agreed with the EBMC team.

Qtr.1 May - Mental Health Week, Dementia Awareness Week. June - PPG Week

Qtr.2 Know Your Numbers, Vascular Disease

Qtr.3 Self Care Week

Alcohol, Flu Vaccines, COPD, Diabetes and No Smoking Days.

Qtr.4 Jan. - Obesity and Dry January. Feb.- Eating Disorders

Evening Appointments for Rushcliffe Patients: This service is to commence on 3rd.

April 2017 and will be staffed by clinicians and nurses from Rushcliffe practices.

Rushcliffe patients unable to attend an appointment during 'normal hours', will be able to book an appointment via their GP Practice. Further developments in respect of 'out of hours' and 'weekend cover' are under consideration.

EB Community Plan Household Survey - Health & Care Services: RM requested that the PPG acknowledge and retain on file a copy of this part of the survey. This survey closely reflected the results of the EBMC Patient Survey 2016. Receipt was acknowledged and it was undertaken to retain a copy within PPG records.

Next VPPG Newsletter: RM advised that a newsletter was due and would be produced in the near future. Topics under consideration might include, the Flu Clinics uptake / numbers and details of prescriptions in respect of OTC medications.

Radford Care Group Information Programmes for Carers of People with Dementia: A free programme of seven, two hour weekly sessions, covering a different aspect of dementia at each session, is being run throughout this year. For further details tel. 0115 9786133 or visit www.radfordcaregroup.org.uk

Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting: 19th. April - 5pm - EBMC Meeting Room

The Meeting Closed at 6.15 pm