

BODMIN ROAD HEALTH CENTRE - PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2016

Present: Margaret Anderson, Susan Clarke, Patricia Davies, Mark Eaton, Paul Kelly, Anthony Kent-Francis, Margaret Kent-Francis, Ann Mee, Brian Raby, John Tate, Carole Lamb (representing Bodmin Road Health Centre)

Apologies for absence: Judith Owen

Guests: Diane Russell from bluesci Trafford
Chloe McNeil, Practice Nurse, Bodmin Road Health Centre

1. Introductions

Each member of the group introduced themselves. It was agreed to consider the matter of election of officers to the group until after the guest presentations.

2. Dianne Russell - bluesci Presentation

Diane Russell gave a detailed and in-depth presentation on the work of bluesci, which is a local Trafford based not-for-profit arts, culture and wellbeing organisation that has been delivering services to Trafford residents for over 10 years. Diane focused particularly on the activities at the Coppice Library which had recently been acquired by bluesci under the Community Asset Transfer Scheme and was now operating successfully as a library and wellbeing centre.

Diane stated that the facility, in addition to providing full library services was also providing valuable and much-needed support for those suffering emotional and psychological stress and in some cases volunteering, within the centre, was proving to be more beneficial than therapy. Some notable cases were highlighted.

Diane pointed out that the remit of bluesci was likely to change somewhat, due to changes to commissioning which would possibly result in a greater emphasis on public health rather than mental health.

bluesci, it was noted, was urgently in need of volunteers for a variety of interesting and rewarding activities including gardening, one-to-one work and counselling. However, the main drive going forward would be on the recruitment of health champions.

Suggestions from the group regarding the sourcing of volunteers, included: approaching retired police officers, sixth form students, college students, raising awareness through advertising in the surgery, church halls and local sports clubs. All volunteers would receive training.

It was also stated that that the services offered at Coppice Library and Wellbeing Centre were accessible to all without referral from a GP and that there was no waiting list. It was simply a matter of calling or telephoning for an appointment.

It was suggested that ideas should be channelled to Diane, following an update and further specific discussion at a future meeting.

The group thanked Diane for her informative and valuable presentation.

3. Chloe McNeil – Bodmin Road Health Centre Practice Nurse

Chloe, the new Practice Nurse at Bodmin Road, introduced herself to the group and looked forward to taking up her new role and responsibilities.

The group wished Chloe every success in her new role.

4. Election of officers

(a) Chairperson

There were three nominations for the role of Chair: Paul Kelly; Brian Raby and John Tate.

Each nominee gave a brief presentation regarding their suitability for the role, after which selection took place by a secret ballot.

The votes cast were as follows:

Paul Kelly	4
Brian Raby	2
John Tate	5

John Tate was duly appointed Chair of the group, the period of office being until the next AGM.

(b) Vice-chairperson

There were four nominees for the role of Vice-chairperson. However, in view of the fact that one nominee was not present, it was agreed through the Chair that this item should be deferred until the next business meeting.

(c) Secretary

There was one nominee for the role of Secretary. It was agreed that Mark Eaton, the nominee, be appointed Secretary of the group, the period of office being until the next AGM.

5. Terms of Reference

It was pointed out that Terms of Reference needed developing for the group in order to define the purpose, structure and limitations of the activity of the group.

The Secretary agreed to bring forward a draft set of terms of reference in good time for the group to view these prior to the next business meeting.

6. Specsavers – Hearing loss information presentation

Carole informed the group that the Practice had received information from Specsavers regarding a series of presentations that they were willing to make to medical practices. The presentations were offered at two levels, one specifically for medical professionals and the other for lay people including PPGs.

It was agreed that if the group was to receive a Specsavers presentation, this would best be delivered outside of a business meeting and it was further agreed to consider the date for such a meeting at the next business meeting.

7. Further administrative issues

Carole reported that the size of the practice now exceeded 7500 patients which was placing additional pressure on all practice staff and particularly GPs. Funding for next year would be problematic.

Carole also mentioned that there would be an opportunity for the Chair to attend Practice Education sessions in order to present the work of the group and raise any issues coming forward from the group.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held at 1800 on Tuesday 17 January 2017. This meeting would last no longer than one and a half hours.

Secretary's note: Agenda for the above meeting to Carole by 5 January 2017.

The meeting closed at 1950.