

Minutes of NW Locality PPG Meeting held on August 3rd 2017

At Whitwick Health Centre.

1. **Apologies:** Mary Smith, Vanessa Blake and Barbara Milner.
2. **Present:** Mel Arnold, Jake Cooke, Paul Siddals, Yvonne Docherty, Chas Dillon, David Price, Bob White, Doreen Turner, Alan Bourne.
3. **Approval of the minutes from 24th April** correction section 3 should read "hart" not heart.

4. **Federation Update by Mel Arnold** * see file already circulated.

Mel, in response to a memo from Alan asked for the names of the practices currently not represented at our meeting. These are Dr Dawes Ashby, Broomleys, Lewis and Patel Whitwick. Whilst Mary Smith attends from Long Lane there was no formal nominee.

Our meeting dates are now on the Federation website and current membership will be included shortly, as will the agendas and minutes.

Mel updated us on inter-practice referrals, the urgent care provision on Saturday mornings by appointment at Coalville Hospital, and ongoing work with practice managers on active signposting / social prescribing. It was hoped that PPGs would get involved with these.

She explained that there had been a successful bid to look at succession planning with an outside company. Integrated locality teams progress would be updated at the next meeting.

Jake then went on to discuss Medicine Waste. The NWL are looking to replicate H/Bosworth's success in tackling this issue. He will be providing posters, texts for digital screens and pop up stands to promote this. Suggestions were made to put the cost of items on prescriptions to alert patients to the costs.

5. Reports from each practice on initiatives/issues

Ibstock do fundraising by selling books resulting in equipment purchases for the practice.

Castle, Ashby. David raised to situation related to the pharmacy in the health centre which had closed. They had also raised funds for a centrifuge and discussed issues around blood pressure monitoring as well as the use of Section 106 monies in Ashby.

Hugglescote had 3 new GPs join, and gave details of a session for dementia careers (info circulated by email).

Belton has recruited a new GP and education sessions were ongoing.

Whitwick. Warning letters are being sent to non-attenders and persistent offenders are removed from the practice. One GPs has retired and a new one has joined. A diabetes evening with a specialist was organised for patients by the PPG.

Markfield – GP recruitment is ongoing. 50 standard letters sent to patients have been reviewed by PPG members to make them more user friendly. Patients are reminded to provide up to date email and mobile numbers. Speakers are regularly invited to PPG meetings.

6. **AOB.** Alan reminded members of the date of the CCG AGM on 11 September at Hollywell Park Conference Centre, Loughbough (see CCG website)

There being no further comments or the meeting closed.