

Minutes of the Healthy Living Group held 13 December 2016

Apologies: SR, BN, JS, BP

Present: BH, WD, UG, AG, JF, GE

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING WERE DISCUSSED AND AGREED

NEW STAFF AT FOXHILL

Helen and Kathryn joined us on 17 October 2016; they are covering Keely's maternity leave. Keely is expected back in Mid October 2017.

COPD Video showing in Waiting Room

It was commented on that the COPD video is very informative.

Electronic Prescribing (ETP)

We are aiming to increase the use electronic prescribing and the patient group were asked for any suggestions/feedback on how to improve this. Agreed we need to put some information on the screen in the waiting room (done). Discussed the fact that it's difficult to do the acute prescribing this way as there can be a delay on the pharmacy pulling down the prescription and often the patient is at the pharmacy before it is able to be processed. Electronic prescribing is really for medication on repeat and currently cannot be used for controlled drugs so if a patient is on a controlled drug they cannot use ETP as it has to be all the items not just some.

Pre-diabetic groups

Mandy explained that the practice were writing out to pre diabetic patients (where a blood result indicates they are pre diabetic) to invite them to workshops to discuss ways to avoid becoming diabetic. The letters are going out in early January.

Drinkwise Agewell

Appointments started in November where patients (aged over 50) can see an Alcohol advisor, on Tuesdays at the practice. Patients' can self-refer.

Uptake of immunisations

- Mandy reported back on the uptake of vaccinations at the practice. We are currently coding patients records to opportunistically offer MMR to adults who missed out on two courses of **MMR** previously; this is particularly important for patients planning to become pregnant.
- Also the 19-25 age group have had their notes tagged to remind that they are entitled to have **MenACWY** vaccination (those attending University are reminded when they apply for their course)

PTO

- We are encouraging patients in the appropriate cohorts to have their **Shingles** vaccination; there is a message on the front screen of the notes to remind clinicians.
- We run a monthly search of patients achieving 65 years of age and now ring them to invite for a **Pneumonia** vaccination; the uptake has been good for this.

S6 (Hillsborough) patients letters

We have written to patients residing in some S6 addresses which are outside our boundary, to explain that it may be in their interest to register with a new GP in case in the future we have to ask them to leave due to the difficult getting to visit them. These letters have proved problematic for some patients as they thought we were removing them immediately. We had hoped that an early letter would give them a chance to find a suitable GP.

Military Veterans

Nationally, practices are being encouraged to record in patient records if the patients are a military veteran. This is to ensure that appropriate treatment is organised in a timely manner. There is also a national counselling service available to military veterans ie those born before 1 January 1950.

Practice Nurse training

We have applied to become trainers of Practice Nurses; we will be supporting nursing recruits new to primary care for 40 weeks duration.

Feedback from the BIG TENT event at St Thomas Moors

Staff and patients from all five of our neighbourhood practices (Grenoside, Ecclesfield Group Practice, Mill Road, and Chapelgreen) met with agencies that primary care access.

GE kindly attended this event with Mandy and Ian Nerurkar. He said he found it informative. The agencies we access were all represented and gave an overview of the services they provide:

District Nurses	Active Recovery	Age UK
Community Support Workers	IAPT	SOAR

GE was disappointed he hadn't heard from SOAR about his suggesting of a singing group so Mandy agreed to contact Guy Weston on his behalf.

Mandy thanked everyone for attending.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 1st March 2017 at 5.45pm

REARRANGED FROM 15 Feb as Mandy unavailable – sorry