

Patient Panel Meeting Thurs 20th July

“ HEALTHCARE, WE CARE”

Present : Dr Parry, Anne Ruffell, Ian Davies, Raymond Davison, Alf Potts, Jennifer Allen, Joyce Bainbridge, Lynn Holman, Stuart Miller, Jack Curtis

Apologies : Jean Smith, Rob Lewin

Minutes of Last Meeting : agreed

Premises – discussions still ongoing. Discussion took place around the old Vaux brewery site which may be available, although the panel aren't happy with this suggestion. Dr Parry feels that it will be better for the practice if we can choose where we want to be now rather than have to move later to a less suitable site however nothing has agreed.

Dr Parry talked about the possibility of practices merging across different areas in the future to work more closely together.

The recent rent review carried out by NHS England has not increased the market rent value of £38,400 per annum, which is passed onto the landlord as rent for the premises.

Surgery Closures – the panel are concerned at the number of surgery closures and this may have an impact on our surgery as there are approximately 14,000 pts who will be looking for new GPs.

Career Start GP

The practice has applied for a Career Start GP. This is a qualified GP who joins the scheme in the hope of securing a permanent placement or partnership. Although we can't guarantee a permanent position in the practice at this stage the placement would be between 12-24 months. However we have had a few Career Start GPs in the past, including Dr Parry & Dr Chahal who progressed on to become Salaried GPs and then Partners in the practice.

F2 GP

The practice will get a new F2 GP on 2nd August for 4 months i.e Dr Sophie McGovern, as Dr Shah is moving to her next placement. We have enjoyed Dr Shah working with us and wish her well in her future career.

GP Resilience Funding

The practice has received a small sum of money to help with improving our appointment system and streamline the daily workload of all staff. As part of this we have drafted a small patient survey regarding our appointment system and would like comments / suggestions from the panel before we hand out to patients. It would be appreciated if we could have comments no later than Monday 31st July if possible.

Practice Pharmacist

The partners are considering employing a practice pharmacist on a trial basis. He/she would be able to do medication reviews and prescribe for acute conditions.

City Hospitals Members Newsletter

Lynn gave a copy to Anne who will circulate to the group which details information on the new SRH A&E dept and building work in Durham as well as dates of public consultation meetings.

New Panel Member

Raymond has the name of a possible new member and Anne will get in touch.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 27th September at 4.30pm.