**OLD SCHOOL SURGERY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING**

**MONDAY 13th March 7:30pm Old School Surgery**

**MINUTES**

1. **Present: Katy Styles (Chair) Katie Kinnersley (Vice Chair) Tony Mccord, Frances Boucher, Margaret Nevin & Janet Onslow**
2. **Matters Arising:** Pharmacy application in Shalmsford Street, Chartham, had been refused in January, but recent appeal has been lodged against this decision and the “Reserved Location” has been dismissed which opens the Surgery up to losing dispensing to patients within that radius if this pharmacy application is approved. Practice are looking at options.

1. **Canterbury and Coastal Commissioning Group Plans – STP Listening Events –**Katy Styles has attended one of these “Listening Events” (there were three in total; held in Ashford, Canterbury & Margate) to discuss the local plans for health and social care in East Kent. KS attended the Ashford meeting which was run by the Ashford CCG Clinical Chair. They discussed what could and what couldn’t be changed within the current framework across the whole of Kent. There were “Fixed Points” to be considered and “Hurdles” to be overcome. Kings College Hospital in London to remain the major trauma centre for the area. The PFI funded hospitals in Pembury & Kent & Medway cannot be reconfigured which impacts across all of Kent. Transport also remains a “fixed” issue. Hurdles identified were clinical, financial, accessibility and to make the solution fit strategically. They are looking at having 1 highly specialised hospital across East Kent, one slightly less specialised and a cottage hospital type hospital with close links to community and primary care services. They are looking to shift acute care into the community, looking to close 300 acute beds across East Kent. KK felt that the issues facing the local and national NHS and its health and social care services were all to do with insufficient capacity and funding and that the government were not being honest about this with the public. Cuts were not the answer, investment in the future was.
2. **PRG meeting – update-** KS attends these meetings with other Practice Participation Group Chairs . In the latest meeting they discussed Social care funding and the Social Care assessments and the impact they are having.
3. **Wheelchair services update –** Contract now handled by private company Milbrook as from 31.3.17
4. **AOB: i)** Charges are being introduced at QEQM and WHH for disabled parking of £2

**ii)** JO reported that she had heard they were putting on extra clinics at Estuary View and Buckland Hospital to ease the pressures on the Ophthalmology procedures wait times, with an additional macular injection room at Kent & Canterbury.

**iii)** KK and KS to go and see local MP Julian Brazier in his Saturday morning Surgery in Canterbury to discuss local health and social care issues and government role.

**Date of Next Meeting: Monday 12th June 2017 at 7.30pm**

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