**The Old School Surgery, Bolts Hill, Chartham**

**Patient Participation Group (PPG) Meeting**

MINUTES

11th December, 2017

Present : Katy Styles, Katie Kinnersley, Janet Onslow, Margaret Nevin, Anthony Mccord

1. Apologies Frances Boucher
2. Minutes from AGM: Agreed as correct
3. Matters arising:
4. Continuing Health Care questions – KS attended the PRG (Public reference Group for all chairs of PPGs and health organisations interested. Valerie Winter (lead of Commissioning Support Unit) from the NELCSU spoke about CHC, explaining the process of claiming continuing health care, as it is very complicated. All PPG leads to now feedback to their PPGs.
5. 2 options for urgent, emergency and acute medical care –
6. Enhancement of acute services and A&E at WHH and QEQM, with an increase in non acute beds at KCH and development of a GP led ECC
7. New large acute Unit in Canterbury attached to medical school, with downscaling of both WHH and QEQM and development of Gp led ECCS on those sites. This proposal looks good particularly as a longterm solution, but the reality is a financial shortfall will probably mean it has to be abandoned. There is a 9 year lead in and a minimum of £250m needed to complete.
8. AOB
9. Kent County Council have also opened a consultation on community pharmacies in Kent, the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. This is open until 22nd January 2018 and can be accessed here:

<https://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/pharmaceuticalneeds/consultationHome>

They are looking to consult with both medical personel and the public which ultimately will be most affected by changes in this. Please access this link and give your views.

1. New provider for NHS 111 in East Kent and GP out of hours service. Since the end of November the new provider for both OOH GP services and the NHS 111 service have been taken over again by IC24. Prime care had taken the contract from them, previously.
2. Suicide Awareness and training provided by West Kent Minds – free
3. PRG training day 14th December, 2017 has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Date of next meeting is 12th March 2018 at 7.30pm

Date for next meeting: