

BCPG Steering Group Meeting 5/02/20
Grange Road Community Centre

1. Attended

Jan Arriens	(JA) Chair
Jean Rice	(JR)
Pat Morrison	(PM)
Christine Williams	(CW)
Jeremy Hall	(JH)
Ann Hewings	(AH) minute taker

Apologies

Sarah Wood

Noted that Karin Johnson had resigned. Agreed that there was no need at present to advertise for a replacement. NHS Guidelines suggest 3-6 people on a PG Steering Group.

2. **Minutes** of the Meeting 6/11/19 accepted.

3. Matters Arising

- JA did not meet with Colin Kelsey (Clun PG) and Bill Ross (Church Stretton PG) to discuss the new PCN and potential scope for patient participation. After an exchange of emails, it was decided there was insufficient clarity around PCNs and therefore premature to meet.
- CW queried which PGs were in our Shropshire South West PCN – Clun, Church Stretton, Craven Arms and Ludlow.

4. Patient participation: CCG/SPG/ShropCom developments

The role of PGs in PCNs remains unclear. PCNs are currently busy establishing themselves and may eventually wish to work with more specialist patients groups. A clearer role for PGs may evolve in the future.

5. GP Practice Slot

No practice representative was in attendance.

6. NHS Changes Task Group

PM reported that the meeting of the Shropshire Care Closer to Home (CCH) group was postponed due to the general election. A pilot for a new community-based semi-acute service is being launched by Shropshire CCG with the aim of reducing the numbers of people admitted to hospital.

JH noted the importance of reliable IT systems capable of bringing together records from different service providers, and noted a new IT system - Liquid Logic – was being rolled out.

It was noted that a pop-up meeting in Ludlow was being held on Friday 7th February to discuss the Shropshire CCG. No one from the BCPG was available to attend.

7. Community Services Task Group

GH reported that a hospice nurse comes to the Practice weekly and provides care in the community.

CW reported that the Dementia Friendly initiative was going well with a number of businesses having undertaken awareness training and agreeing to implement one initiative in the coming year to improve their business for those

with dementia. The SparC personnel are also undergoing training and as a result of the move to being run by the Council will be doing more for those with various disabilities. Social prescribing which comes under the Practice umbrella refers patients directly to The SparC.

The Compassionate Communities initiative – Mike Plunkett is trying to recruit and organise volunteers via the churches.

8. Communications Task Group, including BC Patients Survey/General Meeting

JR noted that as we have no new information to give to BC patients there is no reason to hold a meeting. PM raised the question of whether moves to introduce e-prescribing and e-consultations should be communicated by the BCPG. It was agreed that this was the responsibility of the GP Practice.

9. Shropshire Patients Group matters

PM and JA to attend meeting on 19th February. JA to propose to the SPG that the role of PGs is an agenda item.

10. AOB

It was agreed that JA and JR would arrange a meeting with the BC Practice to discuss the role of the BCPG.

JA to write to Jane Niblock (SPG Chair) re concern over the lack of First Responders in this area. This will also be raised with the BC Practice.

11. Next meeting

Wednesday 6th May at 2p.m.

Speaker: David Evans, Joint Accountable Officer, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin CCGs.

As from August meetings to be held on the second Wednesday of the month.