**Notes from PPG Meeting Thursday 11th April 2019**

Present; Joan Bottrill, Nigel Bottrill, Catherine Mackay, Karen Hadfield, Pamela Stewart, Sue Naylor & Michelle Cowsill

Previous meeting; Notes from meeting in February agreed as accurate.

Clare Coward, Meds Manager for the practice, talked about the recent changes in what is available on prescription and the systematic changes being made removing certain items from pt’s repeat lists.

Group felt it would be useful if posters could be developed giving more detail about the cost of prescriptions such as a comparison between eg paracetamol from a discount shop and cost to NHS. **Clare will create something.**

Discussion;

1. The first drop in session by Furness Carers on Tuesday 26th Feb went very well. New contacts and assessments booked, very good outcome. Carers Assoc going to come every 2nd Friday in the month. Karen has been liaising with St Mary’s hospice, and they are booked to come on Tuesday 30th April 10am – 1pm with focus on living well. Karen asked if pt’s could be contacted as had happened for the previous drop – in **Sue will ask**.
2. Discussed next possible group to come, agreed that St Mary’s could come be invited to come again looking at end of life issues. **Pamela suggested possibility of a first aid session and will approach St John’s.**
3. Re new ways of working for the group, namely less formal minutes, regular attendance not a prerequisite, can dip in and out, no quorum. Sue said she had spoken to as many members as possible and emailed those she could not get hold of. Everyone was happy. Only concern was the signing of the governance agreement if people not now formally members. Agreed this would be managed by new people having it explained to them when they first come, and if they continue to come or want to take a more active role, they will be asked to sign an agreement. It is hoped that the new ways of working will attract more people. Disappointment expressed that notice of Clare coming to the meeting had not created any interest.
4. Sue advised group that since Murray’s pharmacy was taken over by Cohen’s, there had been problems with scripts for Ulverston pts. This has now been sorted, with Cohen’s pharmacy in Ulverston collecting printed scripts from the surgery once a week.
5. PPG week is 11th-15th June, agreed this would be a good opportunity to try and attract people. Joan **is working on a poster and Catherine has offered to help.**
6. Meeting informed that Dr Wilson has left the surgery to work in Penrith.
7. Bob Treen has ‘resigned’.
8. Sue informed of the changes to the minor ailments scheme available through pharmacies.
9. Nigel asked if GP’s would consider coming to the waiting room to call patients. **Sue will ask**.

**Next meeting - Thursday 6th June 2019 @ 6.30pm**