

PPG Meeting- July 12th 2016. Lyme Bay Medical and Dental Practice

Minutes of the Meeting July 12th 3.pm

1Present: Elise Ripley, Shirley Williams, Hazel Pennington, Adrian Ragbourne, Joan Cool, Sarah Hill, Jo Churchill, David Hardman.

Apologies: Jane Mansergh, Sally Holman, Samantha Pennington

2.Matters Arising.

- Elise is no longer employed. The group were very disappointed with the way her post was terminated and the impact it will have on the efficacy of the Lyme PPG. The group expressed its appreciation to Elise for her hard work and noted gratefully that she was attending this meeting on a voluntary basis.
- The group was reminded that it could consult the CCG website for report details of the June 30th meeting in Bridport.
- Although the publicity for the local Dorset NHS roadshow in Lyme only arrived on the day of the event (paper leaflets), social media was used and the organisers were pleasantly surprised at the turnout.
- It was reported that all beds will remain at Bridport provided there is sufficient staffing for the wards. This reminded some of the group of a similar approach in Axminster which had in fact resulted in the loss of beds. The issue might well be made worse by the fact that nurses will have to pay for their own training as from September 2016. It was pointed out that accommodation for nursing and care staff was a significant issue and perhaps thought ought to be given to the use of any spare building capacity at Bridport and Axminster Hospitals.
- There was genuine concern that Devon and Dorset NHS don't communicate effectively and this has particular impact in the cross boundary areas. Bridport and Axminster provision is particularly relevant for Lyme Regis and Uplyme. However, it was restated that choice would still remain for the local residents in terms of Hospital provision-e.g. Exeter/ Dorchester and Poole/ Plymouth

- There has been an appointment of a Community Matron whose primary purpose is to raise the game of Nursing Homes via her support.

3. Bridport Well Being Event.

- Consumer feedback was positive. There were 160 raffle tickets given out. (Jo's raffle prize is to be collected by Sarah!!)
- There were mixed responses from exhibitors. Exhibitors in the Town Hall were positive whereas footfall in West Bay was poor.
- Perhaps the event was too widely spread ?
- Lessons can be learnt about the most effective forms of advertising. Elise said that all the templates relating to advertising and exhibitors were available for the Lyme event. The total cost of advertising had been in the region of £750.

Learning Outcomes

- It was a big learning event especially for the exhibitors and organisers
- Such events need to be busier.
- Networking proved very helpful to both exhibitors and clients.
- Waitrose was hugely supportive (need equivalence in Lyme?)
- Waitrose had a Community Contact person – Rachel Hewlett and makes freely available a training room (max 12 persons).
- Cooking workshop was very popular
- Homestart was good.
- Bridport Lesiure Centre is thinking of taking 'well- being' forward by using the Purbeck Pledge.
- Involvement of civic dignitaries needs to well planned.

4. Lyme Event.

- Adrian agreed that it should be a one centre event.
- Venue – Woodmead Hall with negotiated free parking.
- If it is to be held in September then some speedy action is required

Action Sarah

- Subsequent to the Sept/Oct event it was suggested that people should be requested to pledge, on 4 later dates, to undertake some well-being activity.

5. Dementia Event in Lyme.

- This again could be an agenda item for a joint PPG meeting – **Action Adrian.**
- Adrian saw such an event as part of the process of Lyme becoming a Dementia Friendly Town. He suggested that the Beaminster approach might provide a useful model and that use might also be made of the Tuesday morning sessions at St Michael's Church. He felt that prior to any big Dementia Event some small scale actions needed to be already in train/ place
Action Adrian

6 Meeting ended at 4.45p.m

7. Date of Next Meeting.

This will be forwarded as soon as possible by **Sarah/ Jo** and will be a joint PPG meeting.