**BLOXWICH MEDICAL PRACTICE**

**PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2015**

**Attendances: Apologies:**

Dr D C Johnson Nicole Bullingham

Trevor Hancock

Julie Hykin

Maggie Ward

Barbara Leese

Ray Bunn

1. Minutes from previous meeting:

All agreed a true record.

1. Matters Arising:

Maggie confirmed she was still awaiting a reply from CCG regarding NAPP and if the first 12 months free subscription offer was applicable to BMP PPG.

1. Friends & Family:

Please see attached précis of choices and comments made on the Friends & Family Test cards submitted to CQRS for September and October 2015.

The patient who chose the Neither/Unlikely option in the month of October wrote ambiguous comments. As the patient preferred to remain anonymous, unfortunately, the practice could make contact to ascertain what the problem was or try to rectify it.

In an attempt to obtain more comments from patients, Clinicians, reception and administrative staff will actively encourage patients to fill in Friends & Family Test cards on the last Thursday of each month.

   

1. Diabetes Awareness Days:

Posters were produced to advertise the event. Paperwork was handed out to patients on the day and quite a few leaflets were picked up from the display by patients after the event closed.

There was a lot of material left after the awareness days held on 23rd/24th September 2015. Maggie will ascertain where the paperwork has been stored.

1. Adverse Effects from Influenza Vaccine:

Trevor reported that a member of Walsall PPLG raised a query asking how many people had experienced an adverse reaction from the flu vaccine in 2014.

Dr Johnson informed the group that some patients think they may have got influenza from the vaccine, but this is not possible as the vaccine is not “live”.

Trevor will ask the PPLG member exactly what he means by adverse reaction.

Dr Johnson gave Trevor an influenza vaccine information leaflet that is given to patients.

Dr Johnson reported the practice had so far given 750 vaccines compared with 1200 last year. The reduced uptake was thought to be because of the availability of flu vaccines given by Pharmacies and the reduced effectiveness of last year’s vaccine.

This was corroborated by the Royal College of General Practice in a radio report stating that there was a reduced take-up nationally giving the same reasons.

Any Other Business:

Dr Johnson confirmed that the pneumococcal vaccine used to be effective for 10 years, but is now a one-off vaccine lasting a lifetime unless a patient has asplenia (absence of spleen).

Trevor handed around a humorous poem promoting prostate awareness. From this the group discussed holding Awareness Day events for this topic during the Prostate UK Awareness month of March 2016. Details and the date of this will be arranged at the next PPG meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

2nd February 2016 at 2pm