

# Ambrose Avenue PPG

## Minutes of May 13, 2019, meeting

**Present** Roly Buss (chair), Ray Hardisty (secretary), Kevin Starling, Carrie Ransom, Trevor Ireland, Mavis Knight, Marilyn Rivett, Pam Robertson, Mary Russell, Elaine Hipplesley, Paul Murthwaite, Claire Bentley. and Steve Turner of NEEDS.

**2 Apologies:** Val White

**3 NEEDS:** Steve updated members on developments in the North East Essex Diabetic Service and presented statistics to illustrate how the ongoing liaison with GP practices was increasing contact with diabetes patients so ensuring the regular checks needed were being carried. He also spoke of the patient led diabetic support group availability and answered a number of questions.

**4 Claire Bentley:** Claire introduced herself and outlined her role as the new Patient Liaison Officer.

**5 Minutes:** The record of the usual monthly meeting on April 8, was agreed.

**6 Matters arising:**

a) Kevin said he still awaited answers from Colchester Borough Council to his specific questions about sharps disposal but said he had been informed the authority was negotiation seven collection points around the borough to replace the current house collections.

b) Ray reminded everyone of the free CPR and Defibrillator training sessions being held monthly and urged those who had not attended one to do so.

**7 Practice Report.**

Elaine reported:

1) The Alzheimer's Society was to carry out an audit of both surgeries in connection with the Dementia Pathway..

2) A farewell event was being organised for retiring Dr Max Hickman.at Ambrose on May 22 from 12.30 to 2.30pm and members of the PPG were invited.

3) New permanent salaried GP Dr Sandrine Djournessi was due to start on June 5.

4) Long term locum (at least six months) Dr Sayomi Gunawardena is due to start on June17.

- 5) Clinical pharmacist Angela Businge is planned to start on July 2
- 6) Another nurse, Alison Greenwold (12 hours a week) was expected in the week beginning May 29
- 7) The practice was currently advertising for another Nurse Practitioner.
- 8) That the CCG was currently discussing the establishments of Primary Care Networks

**8 PPG Membership:** Ray reported

Active 12, Reserve 15, Supporters 325. Total 352

**9 Newsletters:**

The May newsletter was approved.

**10 Suggestion boxes**

No PPG documents

**11 Outreach**

Names were taken for outreach at Tollgate on Monday May 20 when there was also due to be a COLTE stand on behalf of National Clinical Trials Day.

**12 North East Essex Health Forum.**

a) Ray and Trevor reported on topics discussed at the Colchester PPG Liaison Meeting held in April

b) Ray tabled to agenda for the Local Health Matters Meeting .in May

c) He Told members there would be a 2019 PPG Summit on June 19 at Weeley and everyone was invited..

**13 Newsbreaks**

Ray said NEECCG and ESNEFT press releases were available from him if wanted.

**14 Any Other Business**

None

**15 Outcomes**

a) Being able to hear of the diabetic service update from Steve.

b) Hearing of the impact service changes by NEEDS had made to general diabetic service patients.

c).Being Pleased to meet Claire Bentley.

d) Hearing the positive news of collection points being negotiated for sharps disposal rather than the present garden collections.

e) Being told of successful staff recruitment for the Practice, including a full time salaried G, because of the general shortage of all regional clinical staff.

f) Welcoming the audit of the Dementia Pathway by the Alzheimer's Society.

g) Being able to look forward to the the Practice's first Clinical Pharmacist starting.

### **16 Next meeting**

Monday, June 10, in Tollgate Surgery meeting room, at 6pm.