

PATIENTS PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING

held in Belford Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Present: Rosemary Ellis (Chair)

Ann Gladstone

Marjorie Turner

Sheena Trotter

Jack Arrowsmith

Stuart Robinson

Joy Palmer-Cooper

Dr Caitlin Longster

Apologies: Brenda Stanton. Dennis Cromarty. Elaine Robertson. Fiona Reed

Mrs Ellis welcomed all present, being the first meeting of the year and introduced Mr Jack Arrowsmith

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held in November, were taken as read.

Dr. Longster gave a brief report of the Care Quality Commission Inspection, two weeks earlier

The next meeting of the Belford Medical Equipment Fund will be held on 21 February

With regard to the Clinical Commissioning Group it was reported that we had not received any further information to date.

A proposed meeting of Chairs of all of Northumberland P.P.G's was agreed to, in principle.

Any Other Business:-

It was brought to the attention of the meeting that a small paragraph had been inserted in the February 1st issue of the Northumberland Gazette that the A.1 is to be closed in some places for 17 days with effect from Friday 2 March. It was agreed that, individually, the members would make further enquiries. This closure will create difficulties.

Ann Gladstone mentioned that a meeting had been held in Bell View the previous evening regarding bereavement....and how to face up to it.

Joy Palmer-Cooper produced a copy of a letter she had received from her family's G.P in Lancashire, outlining the necessary steps that the next-of-kin are obliged to take, and giving guidance in time of bereavement.

A letter had been received suggesting a meeting with Glendale PPG concerning Mental Health and the various branches, including Active Northumberland and Walking for Health, with a talk by a speaker, Gordon Allan.

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held after Easter on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm, Seahouses.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 3.35pm. Mrs. Ellis thanked all present for attending.