

**MINUTES OF THE GREAT BENTLEY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 20th JUNE 2019
AT 6.30PM IN THE MITCHELL ROOM, GREAT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL**

Chaired by Kathy Chilvers
Present: Charles Brown, Vice Chair/Treasurer
+ 8 Members

1. Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed the members. Apologies were received from Dr Bhatti and Barry Spake who were unable to attend the meeting.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

No points were raised and approval for the minutes of 20th May 2019 was given.

3. Hollies Surgery News

There was no surgery news as Dr Bhatti was unable to attend.

4. Active Essex

Cheryl Lomas who had attended one of our earlier meetings has been to a coffee morning at the Methodist Church and many there were interested in some ideas that might be possible in the village. Funds for any projects are not available yet but might be shortly.

5. Local Matters

My Care Choices Register

This was talked about at a recent Local Health Forum meeting and there is also an article about it in the Parish Magazine.

My Care Choices is a database that can only be accessed by healthcare professionals caring for those that are registered on it. It began 5 years ago as part of a government initiative to provide a way for those individuals approaching end of life to record their preferences in regard to treatment. It had been found that there were positive outcomes to be had when patients had conversations with their GPs and families about their end of life wishes; thus, My Care Choices had been set up to enable such wishes to be recorded.

The speaker reported that the register currently had 3600 people on it. She then went on to say that not everyone that used the register were necessarily at the end of life. There were other times when such conversations were appropriate and she cited dementia as one such instance, saying that it was important for the patient to record their wishes whilst they were still able to do so.

Clacton Urgent Care Facility

At the PPG Liaison meeting they said that this would be opening in October and they were looking from input from people in the area what other facilities would be useful to have in the redesigned Clacton Hospital.

PPG Awareness Week

There was a display set up in the surgery

6. Any Other Business

7. Date and Time of Next Meeting

18th July at 6.30

8. Refreshments

Thanks to Alan and Judy Bishop for providing refreshments and a lovely selection of cakes and scones that were enjoyed by all attending.