

**MINUTES OF THE GREAT BENTLEY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2017
AT 6.30PM IN THE MITCHELL ROOM, GREAT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL**

Chaired by Melvyn Cox
Present: Barry Spake, Communications Officer
Charles Brown, Vice Chair/Treasurer
Surgery Guest, Dr A. Nambi
+ 18 Members

1. Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and our Surgery Guest Dr. A. Nambi.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

No points were raised and approval for the minutes 18th May 2017 was given.
Apologies that had been received were read out and noted.

3. Those present sent their deepest sympathy to Diane Miles, our Secretary, concerning the very sad loss of her husband.

Melvyn Cox stated that consequently the position of Secretary is once again vacant, and would anyone be interested in being the PPG Secretary. Kathleen Chilvers volunteered to be Secretary.

Kathleen Chilvers was Proposed by Melvyn Cox and Seconded by John Leggett.

Therefore Kathleen Chilvers is now the PPG Secretary, and will take up her duties from the next meeting on Thursday the 20 July 2017.

4. PPG Liaison Meeting, Colchester 24 May 2017: No members were available to attend.

5. PPG Summit, Weeley 15th June 2017 - A brief report - Melvyn Cox.

Melvyn attended the PPG Summit Meeting today (15 June 2017) which was held in the large hall at Weeley and was very well attended with various stands in the foyer including GP Online Services; North East Essex Health Forum; Healthy Minds; Helena Hospice; Anglia Community Enterprise; Anglian Water; Colchester Dementia Action Alliance; Healthier Independent Health Alliance – all of which handed out leaflets, samples and novelty items. The actual meeting went on for two hours thirty minutes and was very interesting with many points covered, with good discussions taking place. Melvyn Cox spoke about the Dementia Action Alliance in Colchester and about becoming a Dementia Friends Champion, who is a volunteer who encourages others to make a positive difference to people living with dementia in their community. They do this by giving them information about the personal impact of dementia, and what they can do to help.

6. Hollies Surgery News – Dr. A. Nambi:

Dr. Nambi spoke in great detail about the GP Forward View plan with the web site now up and running <http://www.neegpnetwork.com/> The six GP Surgeries are: Abbeyfield Medical Centre - Colchester; Mayflower Medical Centre – Harwich; Parsons Medical Practice – Colchester; East Hill Surgery – Colchester; St James' Surgery – Clacton; and, of course, our surgery Great Bentley Surgery. Dr Nambi said that the Government releases the contracts in bundles: physiotherapy; phlebotomy; complete services; endoscopy, and scans. These bundles come as packages available for contracts. ACE is presently running a five year contract with a wide range of services. Dr. Nambi spoke about COLT (Colchester & Tendring) practices, and went on to discuss the proposed medical hubs in the area and the advantages to the patients compared to the present day. Dr. Nambi spoke about NEEDS (North East Essex Diabetes Service) which is an NHS service commissioned by the North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group, supporting people with diabetes in the local area. Dr. Nambi went on to say that our practice, during the period 2014 to 2017, has consistently achieved good results using the 8 part process about the annual diabetes reviews First Appointment and Second Appointment annual care plan, which covers: blood pressure control; diabetes control; urine samples; blood tests; height & weight; smoking, and eyes.

We received an award for being the only practice to achieve the 8 part diabetic process during the last year: and our practice was the top practice for the last four years and received another award for that.

7. Any Other Business:

Barry Spake mentioned that he had just received a presentation from the Great Bentley local council for his services to the community.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Thursday 20 July 2017 at 6:30pm in the Mitchell Room.

Melvyn thanked Dr Nambi for attending and everyone for coming to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 19:20 hours.

Dates for your diary - proposed PPG meeting dates for 2017:

20 July;

No meeting August;

21 September; 19 October; 16 November AGM 2017, no meeting December 2017.