

**MINUTES OF THE GREAT BENTLEY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 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
Kathy Chilvers, Secretary
Surgery Guests, Dr F. Bhatti and Richard Miller (Practice Manager)
+ 21Members

1. Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and our Surgery Guests Dr F. Bhatti and Richard Miller

2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

No points were raised and approval for the minutes 21 September 2017 was given.

3. PPG Liaison Meeting 18th October 2017

Apologies were given as this was not able to be done at this point so will be reported upon at next months meeting.

4a. Sustainability & Transformation Plans (STP's):

Dr Bhatti explained that this is a huge topic at the moment and is very complicated and no-one clearly understands it at present. Then, with the help of a slide show, she gave a presentation to give some clarity about it to the members.

Dr Bhatti said there may be some decisions in the future that may have to be made that may not be liked but would not be in their hands as NHS England may decide what they must do. It is possible that NHS England may insist that our Surgery moves to Weeley to become part of a larger 'Hub'. Dr Bhatti assured that she would resist this with all possible strength but in view of this the support of the PPG is very important to our GP Practice.

Barry Spake will send a copy of the presentation to all PPG members with further notes about Dr Bhatti's presentation.

4b. Future Guest Speaker:

Following on from the presentation the members discussed possible speakers for the New Year who would be able to talk more about STP's and how they might impact on GP Surgeries. This speaker would preferably be from the CCG. This will be investigated and also the option of the meeting to be a larger one to which other PPG's could be invited to. The members would like this to be held at Great Bentley.

5: Hollies Surgery News

Not discussed due to lack of time (some updates on surgery news contained in notes sent with Dr Bhatti's presentation)

6: NHS News Items

Not discussed due to lack of time.

7: Open Forum

Not discussed due to lack of time.

8: Any Other Business

Thanks were given to Dr Bhatti for the amount of work involved in preparing and delivering her presentation to inform the meeting about such a complex subject.

The members discussed that they understood that many people on the Virtual PPG were unable to physically attend meetings due to work and family commitments and it is hoped that they would at some point be able to attend some meetings. If this is not feasible they can always put forward any comments on the items discussed in the meetings or suggestions for anything to be discussed via email.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting: Thursday 16th November 2017 (AGM)

The meeting closed at 19:55 hours.

Kathy Chilvers
Secretary