

RIVERSIDE MEDICAL PRACTICE
PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP
MEETING

Meeting held on Thursday 14th January 2016 at 13:15

Present at meeting:	Anita Fisher	Practice Manager
	Joe Ivory	Administrator
	Gareth Neal	Speaker
	Mary Mackie	Chairperson
	Keith Close	Treasurer
	Mohammed Riaz	Patient
	Margaret Allison	Patient
	Michael Potts	Patient
	John Shepherd	Patient
	Ian Mackie	Patient

Meeting chaired by Mary Mackie

Apologies for absence:

Kathleen Wilkinson, Ian Instone

The meeting was opened by the Chairperson, Mary Mackie.

Accepting minutes as a true recording:

No minutes from last meeting.

Speakers

Gareth Neal

Gareth Neal started the meeting by introducing himself; he then picked up where he left off at his last attendance, regarding plans for a Wynyard 'Super Hospital'. He stated, since his last meeting with us, circumstances have changed and the prospect of a new hospital was fading. This was because of financial instability due to lack of public funding. Gareth noted a new hospital will eventually happen, but not for 15-20 years' time.

The land which was bought at Wynyard was sold back to the seller; no money was lost for this transaction as it was a contract condition.

Gareth went on to say that North Tees Hospital is a 50 year-old building, and in order to keep it running, they need to re-invest in it; this is the direction they are now going in, however, he did state this was a temporary solution. Discussions with all the main clinical staff have been held, this was to look at what services would be vital for the North Tees site. There have been plans to invest in a brand new, more efficient A&E facility. The CCG who offer the services want this to be a 1-stop-shop; this will also probably incorporate walk-in & OOH (out of hours) services.

Gareth told us there would be 2 phases of the re-vamp, the first part would be infrastructure, which would cost around £25.000.000. Then there would be the clinical areas & equipment, which would also be around £25.000.000, they cannot exceed the £50.000.000 total. The building is due to commence in the coming months and will take roughly 4-5 years for completion. The current A&E site will likely become a 'protected area' – this will not be accessible by the public, this will be used only by ambulances and relevant staff. A&E currently has a 4 hour target- staff aims to have patients seen to and treated within 4 hours of their arrival.

Gareth Neal finished speaking to the group at 14:30

Date and Time of Monthly PPG Meetings

The date and time of our monthly meetings was touched upon. Due to staffing & funding related issues, as well as an overall poorer attendance rate, the group decided it would be best to change the date of the meetings. This is to be discussed further at the upcoming AMG.

News Letter

Keith suggested the idea of a PPG Newsletter; this would consist of a brief description of what the group are about, their achievements and plans for the future. Anita put forward the idea of a Practice Leaflet in which the PPG would be featured. This idea is to be discussed with the GPs.

AOB

Due to the recent success of the 'Name a Teddy' fundraising scheme, Mary thought we should host one again, but with something Easter themed.

Mary introduced Mohammed Riaz to the group; Mohammed is a patient of the practice and is also a Psychologist. Mohammed wanted to make us aware of a service he helps provide which goes by the name of Aapna Services, they seek to provide support and opportunities to people in need and their carers to promote social inclusion and equal opportunities to contribute and participate fully in community life. Aapna Services Ltd's Advocacy Caseworker provides advice and support to service users and their carers from Black and Minority Ethnic communities who are vulnerable older people, or who have: learning disabilities, mental health problems and physical disabilities.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 15:15

Accepting minutes as a true recording:-

Proposed by: Signature:

Seconded by: Signature:

Next PPG meeting – Thursday 11th February 2016 at 13:15