

## **Daybook Patient Group**

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 2.00pm.

**PRESENT:** S.Rodgers(chair), A.Doubleday, D.Baggaley, G.Millar, K and A Marshall, M.Hatton and D.Hatton, J.Wood, H.Sinclair and A Waters.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Rachael Rees and Vicky Hardy (NNEC)  
Mario Charalambous (Rowlands Pharmacy)

**APOLOGIES:** P.Choudhury, D.Ward and P.Whitehead  
S.R welcomed J.Wood to the Group.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and agreed.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Nutrition Session – M.Hatton attended, and thought it well presented, but attendance was low- ladies only. Where were the men? It was considered that the next session should be directed at young mothers and children.

### **MEDICINE WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Mario Charalambous – Pharmacist, gave an interesting talk pointing out that we all should be concerned about the waste of medicines, which he estimated cost some 30 million pounds in this area only. Do we really need the medicines we were prescribed now? A general discussion took place about what could be done. On a local basis, a poster to highlight the problem is prominent in the waiting room. It was agreed that the problem needed to be tackled at Government level to legislate for medicines, where possible, to be returned and reused. G.M. said he is in contact with his local MP and will again bring this subject to his notice.

### **NEW HEALTH BILL**

Rachael Rees – PBC Support and Development Manager – NNEC, gave a talk regarding the new Health Bill whereby the services and finances will in future be controlled by the GPs and it is expected that Patients and Patient Groups in particular will have an input. The changes will take place over the next two years, and it was agreed that Rachael visit our meetings every six months to update us regarding developments

Vicki Hardy explained that there was a need to increase the number of Patient Groups within the North Notts area, and that we would be welcome to attend their Consortium meetings at Park House- the next one being in February(date?).

#### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

It was agreed to leave as is for the present

#### **GP SURVEY**

HS stated that the GP survey would be sent to Group members in the next few days for approval and welcomed any ideas for questions to be included. The SMS forms issued to date had proved fruitful. HS asked for volunteers to attend surgeries to distribute both GP survey and SMS forms – several group members offered to help.

#### **AOB**

SR wished to stand down as Chairperson due her Husband being unwell. It was agreed to discuss a replacement at the next meeting.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2.00pm