

Minutes of the Seventeenth Meeting of the Patient Participation Group for the Team and Blythe Bridge Surgeries held at Blythe Bridge Primary Care Centre at Noon on Thursday 2nd March 2017 at 11.45 am

Present:- Frank Hopley (Chair), Jane Bentley (Practice Manager), John Walton (Staffordshire Fire Service), John Cooper, Carole Hughes, Ann Kollar and Derek Sederman.

1. Apologies had been received from Frank Bentley, Elizabeth Cooper and Maureen Winfield.
2. The Minutes of the Sixteenth meeting were signed as a correct record.
3. Under matters arising, Jane Bentley asked whether anyone would be able to attend a local PPG meeting at Cheadle Fire Station on March 9th. Ann Kollar and Frank Hopley said they would look carefully at their diaries. Also mentioned as a Moorlands Surgeries Group. There was further discussion about the ownership of the Blythe Bridge surgery land and also queries about the "signing in" screen at Team Surgery.
4. Jane Bentley then introduced John Walton of the Staffordshire Fire Service who offered to talk about "Safe and Well Visits".
He started by emphasizing that "Safe and Well Visits were at the request of an individual and not a directive from any Council or Government body. On request the Fire Service would visit a person's home and advise them on safety issues and provide some assistance. For instance the Fire Service would supply, fit and maintain smoke alarms but would not be responsible for Carbon Monoxide sensors.

While at a property they would try to assess the problems faced by the occupant in terms of cooking facilities, heating facilities and also whether the occupant used candles for light and whether they smoked. Their general health and ability to feed themselves properly would be assessed as well as the frequency of visitors.

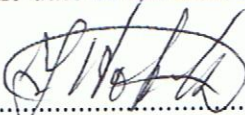
The Service would advise the occupant on the necessary mobility needed to escape a fire and the precautions to take regarding knowledge of exits from the property.

Emphasis would also be placed on teaching the occupant to check on the validity of any visitor.

John Walton said that he would be only too happy to help any individual or group who contacted him and gave the following information the PPG to disseminate.

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The meeting finished with questions and the distribution of leaflets just after 1.10 pm. The date of the next meeting was agreed as June 1st 2017.

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