

Practice Extension – Assura are drawing up plans and have met with Jorvik. NHS and the CCG preference is for dentistry, podiatry and physiotherapy to be co-located on the Leyburn site.

A telephone triage system was trialled on two Mondays in February.

Advance Notice PPG Awareness Week is 6 –11 June 2016.
The Open Evening will be Thursday 10 June.

Leyburn Patient Participation Group

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Summary of Meetings Held since October 2015

AGM (26th November 15)

The meeting was well-attended. Dr Wild emphasised that he preferred the concept of Shared Care to that of Self Care as far as the patient/GP relationship is concerned. Ideally, health is the responsibility of the informed individual with back-up from healthcare professionals. The PPG hopes to promote this vision by including it as part of its work plan.

It was also resolved that the newsletter would be added to the Practice Website in addition to being available in the waiting room.

PPG Committee Meeting (9th December 2015)

Presentation by Tom Crosier – Tom had researched the digital aspect of medicine: how computers, tablets and phone could be used in the future. He told us how their use has been piloted in other trusts and with what degree of success. More detailed information can be found at www.kingsfund.org.uk and HM Government NHS, Personalised Health & Care. (Using data and technology to transform outcomes for patients and citizens)

Individual committee members had attended the Patients Congress and ambulance meetings.

PPG Committee Meeting (17th February 2016)

Presentation by Jonathan Langhorne and Mick Rayner, pharmacists. This was very interesting. Problems highlighted included funding, the increasing number of pharmacies found in supermarkets and the advent of electronic prescriptions. These were all balanced locally by the positive nature of the relationship between the surgery and the pharmacy.

A copy of how money received from patients/benefactors had been spent in the last 5 years was circulated.

Patient Transport – recent changes in timetables had highlighted the need for a more integrated approach. It was hoped to produce a short information leaflet of the options now available after a survey within the practice.

On-line access by patients to their records will soon be available to all and we were asked to trial what is available on our personal record.

Following formal approval, Leyburn Medical Practice has taken over Harewood Practice.

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