

# Patient Participation Group

May Lane Surgery

Minutes of a meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017

## **Matters arising:**

### **Lesley Cross. E-Bulletin 17 April 2017 – King’s Fund report How healthcare is funded. Prescriptions are part of the funding but 90% of them are exempt of charges:**

Lesley Cross asked if Dr Opher had received confirmation that savings on prescriptions would be clawed back. Dr Opher said we would not get the savings but Gloucestershire would.

### **1. Lesley Cross. PPG Awareness week – 19th/24th June**

Lesley asked what was happening about this. Wendy hunter said that information would be put on the surgery display unit. Also there was PPG information in the surgery reception.

### **2. Lesley Cross. E-Bulletin 17 April 2017 – King’s Fund report How healthcare is funded. Prescriptions are part of the funding but 90% of them are exempt of charges.**

Lesley said prescriptions fund the NHS but 90% of prescriptions are exempt. So only 10% pay. Lesley suggested that the 10% who pay would be likely to want to be convinced that prescription fraud was being dealt with. Dr Opher said he did not think there was much fraud but that was looked into by the prescription pricing people.

### **3. Lesley Cross. E-Bulletin 18 May 2017 – item 3 - “What does improving population health really mean?”**

Lesley asked how does the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) target and how do they interpret improving population health. Dr Opher said they were promoting the health of everyone and it was about prolonging health as well. How they do it? They put a lot of money into preventative services such as walks, screening, health checks for the vulnerable, those who might get ill but don’t come into the surgery. A whole range of measures, looking at it from a

public health point of view. At May Lane Surgery they promote activity like walks and the swimming pool prescription. Isolation was a problem as people got older, and so the surgery promoted use of GL11, befriending and the such.

### **Any Other Business.**

John Hobson reported that the Facebook page was no longer moderated. It was generally agreed tht the Facebook page was a good thing and should be kept going. John Hobson said he would take over maintenance of the Facebook pages.

The meeting closed at 11.45 hrs.