



Chairperson's Report 2017

We are a voluntary group of patients who meet regularly with a member of The Practice management and a designated doctor to bring to their attention any concerns which we and patients may have.

The speakers at our meetings this year have been from within our community who work to improve our health and wellbeing. The only exception was in January, when the recently appointed Nurse Practitioner Amanda Gilbert came to explain her role within The Practice.

We once again we were involved with the Flu Clinic and the annual Practice Survey. One of the interesting conclusions from the survey this year was the number of patients who completed their surveys on line.

The small working group which was set up in November 2016 were successful in recruiting two co-ordinators for the voluntary car scheme. They will work together sharing the responsibility, with Mr Gordon Stewart as lead co-ordinator and Mr Alan Mackie as the interface with the drivers. We were able to restart the voluntary car scheme in January due to the generous support received from the doctors at The Practice and local charities. This enabled us to

purchase the necessary equipment required and pay for advertising literature which was distributed in The Deepings, Ginton and surrounding villages which The Practice covers.

In March I attended the Transport Forum meeting with Mr Gordon Stewart. We were informed at this meeting that Lincolnshire County Council may not be able to support voluntary car schemes in the future due to budget constraints. We as a group are actively fund raising so that should the inevitable happen we will be in a position to keep this valuable service running for the elderly and vulnerable in our community. In November an emergency meeting was called by The Transport Forum to discuss parking problems at The Pilgrim Hospital in Boston. Mr Ian Hayden, one of the Facilities Manager from United Lincolnshire Hospital Trust was in attendance and after a healthy discussion an agreement was reached, which I am sure Mr Gordon Stewart will pass on to the drivers for our voluntary car scheme.

The extension to The Practice and car park were completed on time at the end of March. There are now an extra eleven consulting rooms and an operating theatre suite for minor procedures. There is a full complement of doctors and support staff with the addition of a Nurse Practitioner and a Clinical Muscular Skeletal Practitioner.

I continue to attend Cluster Meetings and represent them at Patient and Public Information Meetings.

In conclusion I would like to thank the committee for their continued support and commitment to The Patient Participation group.



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Chairperson.

Deeping and Ginton Patient Participation Group