

# SHIRES HEALTH LIAISON – PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

## MINUTES

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**Chair:** Alan Barson

**Present:** Alan Barson, Kim Kirby, Sandra Frisby, Sam Jones, Zoe Tennant, Sue Higginson

- 1. Apologies:** Ann Roper, Barry Henderson, Chris Wilson and Sandra Peake
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015 – were not available.
- 3. Welcome to new members:** no new members attended the group
- 4. Sue Higginson – Commissioning Engagement Officer:** Sue talked to the group about the patient reference group and the PPG Network. The PPG network is open for any member of the PPG to attend. Sue also spoke about what other PPG's had done to attract new members. Zoe will speak to other Practice Managers and see how they have attracted new members.

Sue also discussed the group setting their own objectives, short-term, medium-term and long-term objectives.

It was also discussed regarding Dr Barrett putting together an article in the "Post" to promote the PPG.

- 5. Community Cohesion Worker:** Mariola will be working between Health, Police and Local Government, Zoe will try to speak to Mariola about translating the virtual PPG document into Polish and will invite Mariola to one of the PPG meetings.
- 6. A.O.B:**

House of care: Zoe discussed the practice's upcoming work with the British Heart Foundation, looking at the "House of Care" for patients with long term cardiovascular conditions, such as Diabetes, Heart Disease and Stroke.

Dementia Café: The group discussed the success of the dementia café. It was suggested that this is now mainly "singing for the brain" and other activities that used to take place are no longer done. Zoe will speak to the Alzheimer's Society regarding this.

### **NEXT MEETING DATES:**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 6pm  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 6pm