

Meeting of Alford Group of Doctors Patient Participation Group

Held 1.30pm Friday 24th February 2017.

Members ; Peter Hawkyard (chair) Pat Hawkyard, Alan Reeves, Bob Baker, Pat Mowbray.

Practice ; Ian Atkinson,(Practice Manager), Ann Duncan (Nurse), Claire Thornalley (Nurse).

The chairman welcomed everybody and extended a warm welcome to Lisa Green, Head of nursing for Lincolnshire East Clinical Commissioning Group. Lisa thanked the group for the invitation and started her presentation by explaining her function and responsibilities for the District nursing team.

Like all NHS departments, there were financial challenges and the district nursing team were facing an 8% reduction in funding (around £8million).

Adult Social Care is of main concern and putting great pressure on finances. Funding has been flatlined for the past 7years.

Neighbourhood Teams are now established and Lincs East now based at Skegness and Marisco, Mablethorpe. Team leaders allocate resources on the basis of need. Most referrals come from Hospitals, the remainder from GP practices.

Currently, there are 3 vacancies. Interviews are taking place and the posts will be filled by Autumn. Greater emphasis will be placed on better liason between district nursing teams and GP surgery nursing staff. Currently, Alford was placed well, having sufficient highly qualified nurses to take some of the strain off the district nursing team.

It was brought to Lisa's attention that an innovative scheme has been adopted in Scottish Highland NHS where the NHS is wholly responsible for adult care which seems to be working well and avoiding conflict between NHS and Council responsibilities. Lisa said she was aware of the scheme and it would be worthwhile monitoring it at a later stage.

Lisa thanked the members for the invitation and hoped that we all now had a clearer picture on the aims, ambitions, and capabilities of her team.

The chairman thanked Lisa for attending and everyone agreed that the presentation was very informative and gave a positive outlook.

Chairmans Report

No meetings to report on.

Practice Managers Report

Ian advised that a further Advanced Nurse Practitioner has been appointed and that from the 6th March there would be a daily triage clinic led by the Advanced Nurse Practitioner Team.

The practice will continue advertising for A GP either full or part time.

Members Feedback None

Any Other Business None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – AGM (ALL WELCOME)

1.30pm Friday 31st march 2017.

