

Patients Participation Group Meeting
Minutes of Meeting held in the Memorial
Hall Annexe Monday 19/08/2024

Chairperson: Philippa Jones

Minutes: Michael Wright

Present: Mr. & Mrs. R, Adams, Mrs. L. Baker, Mr. G. Bedford, Mr. & Mrs. C. Busby, Mrs. D. Canham, Mrs. P. Coe, Mr. & Mrs. K. Graves, Mrs. B. Hanks, Mrs. G. Holloway, Mr. F. Lawrence, Mrs. R. LeViscount, Mrs. D. Neilson, Mrs. T. Peel, Ms. K. Staff, Mr. C. & Mrs. D. Stafford, Mrs. E. Wood, Mrs. W. Hookey

Woodchurch Surgery:, Dr. J. Hickey, Mrs Helen Fox

Guest Speaker: Brigid Lobrey – Hypo Hounds (assisted by Sally, Katie & CHIP)

Apologies: Mr. & Mrs. T. Perks, Mrs. P. Savage, Mr & Mrs Cameron

Chair's Welcome:

Philippa welcomed everyone, introduced our guest speaker and outlined the Agenda for the meeting.

Minutes of Last meeting (20/05/24):

Accepted

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

Brigid Lobrey (Volunteer & Corporate Speaker)– Hypo Hounds

Brigid firstly introduced Chip, a trainee Hypo Hound and Chip's foster parents Sally & Katie.

Brigid explained that Hypo Hounds was a small Kent (Chart Sutton) based charity that exists to provide assistance dogs to children suffering from Brittle Type 1 Diabetes. The dogs are trained to detect any change in Blood Sugar levels by their sense of smell. This type of Diabetes does not give any early warning signs of change and can be lethal if not dealt with promptly. Once a Hypo Hound detects a change it will alert a carer/parent who can then take action. Experience has shown that the presence of Hypo Hound has reduced the need to a call an ambulance to zero. A trainee puppy

spends its first year with foster parents for basic training (i.e. social skills, recall, etc.) then goes to another set of trainers for advanced skills (smell detection). The assistance of a Hypo Hound will greatly normalise a child's lifestyle.

The charity supports the cost of the Hypo Hound throughout its entire working life and this amounts to £25,000 per hound.

“ A Pound for a Hound”

Woodchurch Surgery update from Mrs. Helen Fox:

Helen reported that appointments were now being made for the new RSV vaccination and will be completed in September. The next batch of Covid/Flu will be by appointment only rather than walk in and will start at the beginning of October, bookings can now be made at the Surgery.

There are two new short-term additions to the surgery staff GP registrars Dr Joseph Ebbrell and Dr Parisa Tarannum.

Dr. Hickey commented on the industrial action being undertaken by GP's but assured all that Woodchurch Surgery would not see or feel any effect from these.

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None

Next meeting: 25/11/2024, guest speaker TBC

Thanks to Liz Wood and Linda Baker of the “Heavenly Helpers” for providing refreshments.

The meeting was closed at 7:15pm