

# Sydenham Green Patients' Forum

Notes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

**Present:** 9 patients, 2 practice members

**1. Apologies:** 8 patients, 1 practice member

**2. Items for AOB**

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were approved**

**4. Matters arising**

**a. Exterior Prescription Box** – PJ confirmed that he had spoken to the builders about re-siting the box but it had not proved to be a practical option. A new box has been purchased which will, hopefully, be more secure.

**b. Pavements & Parking** – Nothing to report

**c. Landscaping**

New Bench - PJ confirmed that PS has put in a bid for funding for a new bench together with a new pump for the fish pond.

Street Art Initiative - Nothing to report awaiting an update

Mosaic Mural - PS confirmed that there is no issue with this mural being hung within the Surgery. The Forum agreed that this would make an excellent addition to the children's play area.

**Action** – Speak to JE and confirm that she can still produce the mural **Owner – PM**

Garden – Further work has already been done in the garden but a further session maybe required to tidy up the garden for autumn

**Action** – Confirm a date with JS that is suitable for access to the courtyard to power wash the floor tiles **Owner – JB**

**d. Pharmacist Sessions** – PJ will be meeting with Chris (Wise Chemist pharmacist) on 5/8/13

**Action** – Discuss the idea of Pharmacist Sessions with Chris **Owner – PJ**

**5. Pharmacy2U** - PM reported to the Forum that she had received a flyer from this company addressing her incorrectly as a Mr rather than Miss. PM referred this to PJ as the documentation referred to the Sydenham Green Practice. PJ confirmed that the Practice were totally unaware that this had taken place and contacted Cath Howes to find out who had released patient details to this company. CH was unable to help. PJ spoke with a local Pharmacist who confirmed that this was a repeat prescription service based in Leeds.

## 6. NHS Changes including proposals for Lewisham

Clinical Commissioning Group - NG-L confirmed that she had attended a CCG meeting at Cantilever House. The meeting comprised of GPs and officials and discussions were mostly financial. The presentation of the CCG Strategy took up most of the meeting and it is not clear, at this stage, how this will be implemented

Lewisham High Court Action - PH confirmed that 100 protestors were present outside the courts on the first day of the court case. Teams of barristers representing both sides debated the finer points of the validity of Jeremy Hunt's decision to close the Lewisham Hospital A&E/Maternity units.

It was a three day hearing and judgement is due by the end of July 2013.

Peoples' Commission – This was a judicial review that has no legal power but aimed at unearthing flaws in the decision making process based on filmed and live witness statements. Fifty witnesses gave evidence. Michael Mansfield stressed that Jeremy Hunt had been invited to attend but failed to respond or attend.

## 7. Practice Report

**a. Resources** – PJ confirmed that a new full time partner will be starting on 1/9/13

**b. Appointment Availability** - PJ advised that staff from the practice will be meeting to brainstorm ideas on 18/7/13. Generally there is a shortage of GPs and locum doctors are therefore hard to find.

PJ also confirmed that there will be a conference on Sat 7/9/13 called by the Practices within Lewisham to explore ways in which resources can be shared.

**c. Funding** – PJ provided a further update regarding funding which remains an issue as the reorganisation of services continues

**8. Suggestion box comments** - There were 7 comments; some of which were passed to Phil to deal with.

**The meeting closed at 8.30pm.**

**DONM 18th September 2013 @ 7pm**