

<p>Optimus PPG meetings. All members can attend and were encouraged to do so. Regarding Suicide Awareness, Mike had not yet emailed the Safetalk link to Ray and Elaine Lovell with the offer of guest speaker.</p>	<p>Mike to action</p>
<p>QPA: Ray had recently received the QPA report from the Royal College of GPs and went through the highlights. The new website was recognised, as was the PPG itself. Regarding the practice team, the underlying theme recognised by the assessors was the enthusiasm for QPA particularly in terms of service development. A 'patient-centredness' culture was found, a common thread across all departments. The college was also impressed by the relationships staff had with PCT staff based at Boutham Park. Areas for future development were also mentioned which Ray is keen to take forward. Overall, it was a great report to receive and Ray, once again, thanked PPG for their contribution and support.</p>	
<p>Commissioning/Consortia update: Ray explained that a number of PMs had recently had a days training on the subject and the group were provided with a potted version including some keys facts, aims, structures and promises. The subject is clearly contentious and receiving considerable media coverage and despite a days training, much of this topic remains vague to most. That said, many consider change necessary and there will be advantages.</p>	
<p>Appropriate & Cost Effective Medicine Review: Martyn raised the issue having recently been advised by letter of a change to his medication. Efe, Ray and Allison provided background to this in an effort to provide a more balanced record of what, why and how this review is taking place. There is a need to reduce the cost of inappropriate prescribing to reduce costs and divert these resources to other healthcare needs. The exercise was not across-the-board but focused practices on areas of prescribing where they appeared somewhat out of line with the norms. Within this, GPs would not ignore the needs of the patient, but it was already obvious that areas of wasted resource were being identified and actioned upon. In almost all cases, patients understood and accepted the logic but it was regrettable that in some instances, other parties (often the media) misreported and gave a very one-sided picture. It was felt by some that communication should be handled on more of a one-to-one basis rather than a standard letter that could distress some patients.</p>	<p>Ray to discuss need for dialogue with pharmacies and patient communication with Dr Jackson</p>
<p>Frequency of Meetings in 2012: Discussion took place on the frequency of PPG meetings in 2012. Martyn proposed quarterly meeting in 2012 to tie in with Optimus meetings, the suggestion being that we hold our practice meeting a week or so before Optimus. This was agreed by the group. Wednesday evenings continues to be the best time for meetings.</p>	<p>Ray to establish Optimus meeting dates for 2012 and advise.</p>
<p>AOB: Martyn – advised that patient representatives were being sought to join a Diabetes Retinopathy patients forum in Lincoln following an increase in diabetes of 50% in the past 5 years.</p> <p>Martyn also enquired about Summary Care Records following a local media report and Ray provided an update including a screen image of the revised template to be used. Ray confirmed that BPMP had now agreed to participate as had the majority of practices in Lincoln. All patients would be invited to</p>	<p>Martyn to forward details to Mike [done]</p> <p>Ray to update website</p>

<p>opt out if they wished but the latest figures suggested that only 1.2% of all patients nationally are choosing to do so.</p> <p>Aimee – registered her thanks to the practice for the 13 referrals made</p> <p>Mike – enquired if he could have details of the commissioning presentation but as this had been prepared by an external training provider, this was not possible</p> <p>Allison – expressed her gratitude for attending, asked a couple of questions and made a helpful suggestion regarding completion of confidentiality statements</p>	<p>Ray to check for useful contacts and provide to Mike</p> <p>Ray to arrange for completion of confidentiality statements at next meeting</p>
<p>Date of next meetings: Optimus: Thursday, 1st December 2011 PPG: Wednesday 14th December 2011 - AGM</p>	

