**Minutes Farley Road PPG Meeting 4/6/2015**

Apologies received - Choi Har, Anne Curtis, Brian Corbett, Noel Urwin, Tracy Keogh

**Welcome**

Dr Jasper welcome to the PPG to practice. Unfortunately the new chairman and Practice manager are not available. This led to a less than usually polished evening run by Dr Jasper.

**SUCAG (Service Users and Carers Advisory Group) presentation**

Nuala Conlan from the Older Adults Mental Health presented to the PPG. She coordinates a group of service users and carers engaging in different activities supporting patients and carers who experience difficulties with mental health issues.

She provided a thought provoking and very useful presentation to inspire PPG to look at to look at starting a support group from the practice.

After she left there was a wide-ranging discussion within the group about what could be achieved by the PPG.

It was agreed that the PPG would collaborate with other patient groups in Selsdon. The aim would to have a meeting to discuss forming a Selsdon wide group. The purpose of this would be to provide support to vulnerable patients and carers. The precise roles and structure will evolve over time.

Mention was made of Selsdon Park’s education evenings. These are successful and it was felt that group could explore become more involved in these. If only to publicize the meetings to our patients.

The group is going to is going to advertise its existence in publications such as the Selsdon gazette. The aim is to encourage participation and more demographic diversity for the PPG reflecting the practice make up. The group was clear that fund-raising for the practice was not acceptable and this view was supported by Dr Jasper.

Sue Gifford has kindly agreed to assist Noel Urwin in contacts with other local PPG's. Tracy will co-ordinate with the local practice managers to facilitate this.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

There were no matters arising

**Chairmanship of PPG**

Noel Urwin has kindly agreed to become chairman of the PPG. He is happy to undertake this for the next 12 months. After which he will step down and another Chairman will be elected.

This meeting represents a change in focus for the PPG. Rather than just hearing about developments and problems within the practice, it will become a proactive group making a positive contribution to the wider community.

**Next meeting**

**3rd September 2015 @ 6.30 pm**