**Sacriston Surgery**

**Patient Representative Group**

**12.09.19**

**In attendance** Martin Bell

Maureen Brown

Jane Chapman

Maureen Craik

David Garratt

Una Mack

Kathleen Savory

Alan Wilde

**Apologies** Katy Harrison

Heather Liddle

1. **Notes of last meeting**

No issues

1. **Action Plan**

All progressing well.

1. **Practice Update**

* Martin verbally updated on:
  + The developments within the Primary Care Network (PCN): the new structure that aims to support practices working at scale.
  + RPOS: the Repeat Prescription Ordering System. A recent initiative to reduce wastage that prevents third parties ordering medication on behalf of others.
* From the self-reflection, practice things that need to do more for young families and teenage aged patients.
* Discussion about possibility of sending unused medications to somewhere like the ‘Mercy Ships’.
  + Sadly, I got this reply from the Mercy Ships:

*Good afternoon,*

*Thank you so much for your email and kind offer of medication. However, we are unable to accept as charities are no longer allowed to use recycled medications.*

*Thank you for considering Mercy Ships on this occasion.*

*Kind regards,*

*Olivia Walker.*

* + So I tried InterCare – Medical Aid for Africa, but their website states: “Unfortunately, we are unable to accept patient returned medicines.” *(https://intercare.org.uk/how-to-help/donate-medicines/general-public/)*

1. **Patient Policy for CCG**

Martin discussed the patient participation policy that the CCG is requesting from practices. Agreed that ours is acceptable and group agreed for Martin to submit.

**ACTION** Martin to submit

Discussion around a patient group for workers.

1. **Wednesday Exercise Group / Friday Group**

The Friday exercise class has moved to a Wednesday, which allows people to get to both the class and this meeting.

Discussion about a Sacriston specific poster for the Wednesday group: Martin thinks something could be drafted, alongside the official publicity.

**AOB**

Kath is keen to do a mental health support group: Martin to meet with Kath and discuss.

**Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 11th November 2019 at 2.30 pm