

Silverdale Medical Centre

Meeting	Friends of Silverdale		
Date and Time	Tuesday 8 th July 2014 1pm	Location	Silverdale Medical Centre
Chair	Noel Bedder	Minute Taker	Joanne Wright

Attendees	
Noel Bedder, Shantilal Valand, Marian Coupe, Bipin Brahmbhatt, Elaine Dharwarkar, Caroline Roberts, Joanne Wright	
Apologies	
Ann Barkel, Bhavna Bhavsar, Natalie Dharwarkar	

No	Actions	Who
1	Welcomes and Apologies Apologies given.	
2	<p>This was an extraordinary meeting, called by Chairperson Brian Bedder, following receipt of the letter sent to all members regarding the fact that the practice would not be able to support the "Put Patients First, Back General Practice" nationwide campaign without the support from the members of the PPG.</p> <p>Mr Bedder felt that the group, himself included, had failed to appreciate what this campaign entailed when it was mentioned at the previous PPG meeting and now that he had read up on the campaign was keen to promote this and asked the PPG members to support the practice with this.</p> <p>In brief, there are two national campaigns, one run by the British Medical Association and one by the Royal College of General Practitioners, both asking the government to increase funding for general practice in order to improve patient care. This follows a series of government cuts drastically affecting General Practice and is particularly pertinent to Silverdale Medical Centre as we have previously discussed the GP workload increasing and writing to the local area team to ensure that the level of service provided by SMC is not affected by the changes.</p> <p>Both campaigns encourage patients to contact their local politician and the RCoGP campaign has also provided the practice with a printed petition as well as providing literature for display in the waiting room.</p> <p>The campaign was discussed amongst the group and members present agreed to support the campaign by coming into surgery, informing patients of the campaigns and asking them to sign the petition. JW suggested a timetable but the group preferred to just pop in when they were free and do what they can. MC asked for a script of some sort to know what to say, CR helped her with this. ED said she would ask patients in reception when she was not busy. JW to take copies of the information for display in the reception and to help PPG members inform patients. All agreed that the PPG board should be completely devoted to this information for the rest of the month JW to action.</p> <p>SV asked if the petition was available in gujarati, so that he may take it along to some of his social groups. JW to investigate. Post meeting note, JW contacted RCoGP and petition is only available in English and Welsh. 2 more copies requested though so members can take them away for signing if required.</p> <p>Mr Bedder is keeping the prepaid envelope to send the petition back once it is completed. NB will discuss the campaign with local councilors and other interested</p>	<p>NB</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>JW</p>

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	<p>parties that he is involved in.</p> <p>NB would like to put some information about the campaign into the Thurmaston Times. Note: anything entered into Thurmaston Times to be run by Caroline first.</p> <p>The letter, discussed at previous meeting, for NB and SV to sign and send to Local Area Team has been written and was ready for signing. SV made a couple of amendments and asked for translation of the abbreviations. CR to contact NB and SV once it is amended in order that they can come in to sign it. NB to provide details of local councilors to send the same letter to as well.</p> <p>Meeting ended at 2pm with all members present agreeing to come in over the next few weeks and help to promote the campaigns. If any other members would be able to do the same they would be very welcome</p> <p>Post meeting note, letter completed, NB has provided the names and addresses of local Borough and County councilors, all 3 letters signed and posted.</p>	<p>NB</p>