

Blackburn with Darwen Patients' Council
20th January 2009, 12.30-4pm
The Montague Centre, Blackburn



Present

Andrew Prugar
Anne Ray
Brian Spencer
Bryan Hammond
Lesley Spencer
Tracey Walsh

In attendance

Chetna Mistry (Links)
Margaret Wigans
Jan Hart

1. Apologies

Andy Harrison
Alison Atherton
Paul Mainwaring
Madhubala Pandya

2. Notes of the previous meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 16th December 2008 were approved once the following amendment is made:

Tracey Walsh was present at the last meeting but was not noted.

3. December Action Log

231008/19 – More details are required concerning the vascular screening project and what is involved.

231008/03-04 – Details of funding available not know. Brian Hammond suggested stand designed by CVS – ongoing.

4. Council Business

Members voted Andrew Prugar to be secretary of the group.

The group requested their expenses – Brian text Paul re expenses and Paul replied that these had been paid last Friday.

5. Patients' Council Open Day Event

Action: Members to bring ideas to the next meeting.

6. LIFT Update

Jan Hart circulated travel plan summary to all members. No transport planning group as of yet. Patients' Council representative wanted when planning permission given, hopefully by next meeting.

ACTION

**All Members
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Action: Members to review travel document prior to the next meeting.

Details of the new centre to be sent to all persons registered at the Montague Health Centre.

Patients Council Reps at PCT Board Meetings. What does the Patients' Council want from these meetings?

Action: Thoughts and ideas from members at the next meeting.

More Roadshow's will be planned when planning permission received (Montague new health centre).

We were advised that Clair Jackson of the PCT deals with matters pertaining to your people.

7. LINKS Update

Given by Chetna Mistry – There are 11 people on the LINKS steering committee now as 1 has resigned.

The training for the enter and inspect has been completed by 4 people.

Bryan Hammond expressed an interest in becoming involved with the LINK committee.

8. Mental Health Update

Margaret Wiggins stated that there is a lack of communication; she is not receiving information, although she is actively involved in patient groups who need information on advocacy and PALS.

Action: Contact Lancashire Care Trust.

Action: Invite Martin Howe to next meeting to give an update after the start of the new service on 26th January 2009.

9. AOB

Action: Read and report at the next meeting on International Delphi Study.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 24th February 2009, **12.30–4pm** at the Residents Lounge, Montague Health Centre. Apologies to Liz Hudson (0161 766 9323 or liz.hudson@patientscouncil.org.uk) by 23rd February.

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