



**Prices Mill Surgery Patient Participation Group**  
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Nailsworth Health Partnership  
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**Minutes of PPG meeting Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. 12:30 to 14:00**

Suzi Colley introduced Sue Leyfield who has replaced Trish as Business Support Assistant

1. **Present:** Suzi Colley, Ros Mulhall, Richard Easthope, Betty Young, Paul Young, Aileen Bendall, Marilyn Miles, Sally Millett
2. **Apologies for absence:** John Miles. Liz Green, Kate Kay, Jo May
3. **Minutes of last meeting** 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 Agreed
4. **Matters arising not covered by the agenda:**
  - a. National diabetes audit. Done in July. The surgery has done an audit on this issue.
  - b. **Exercise.** Marilyn has updated the nurse assigned to Diabetic Patient care regarding the availability of exercise. Suzi to investigate options for using the room at the surgery. Classes are run at Minchinhampton surgery by Clare Bader. She is very well qualified, well known and respected. She has training in extend. Her hourly charges are £35.
  - c. Paul reported that in Crystal Village there are two sessions of Birdwings Yoga Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon. Sessions are free.
  - d. SDC also run some exercise classes.
  - e. Ros Mulhall would welcome this initiative at Prices Mill. It would need to be on a referral basis and open to other surgeries. She suggested contacting the Exercise Referral Scheme to get details. **ACTION. MARILYN MILES.** Our PPG is part of NHP who have public liability insurance in place.
  - f. Funding: There may be options for this to be applied for by the PPG. Marilyn said she has regular updates on Voluntary Council Funding on a monthly basis. Susie suggested we tried to find out what funding sources are available. **Sally Millett offered to contact Barbara Pond from GRCC.**
5. **2016 Surgery Questionnaire.** These are being sent out in the New Year. An outside company will be used with standard format/questions. Two questions will be added from the ones submitted by the PPG. The questionnaires will be randomly handed out to patients who attend the surgery.
6. **Dementia friendly Nailsworth initiative.** Marilyn Miles has chaired 2 meetings which had a number of stakeholders present including the surgery, The Town Council, the 2gether Trust, Alzheimer's Disease Society, Nailsworth Alzheimer's cafe, the library, Corinium Care, Stroud District Council and the Care Services NHS trust. An open afternoon is arranged for Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Mortimer Rooms  
**Update:** If we follow the scheme first started by the Alzheimer's Disease Society. there are various stages to be followed and achieved. Tetbury and Stonehouse have set this up already. Examples include Sufferers carrying a card saying they have dementia. Traders who have had training put a card in the window. The plan is to

look at the feedback obtained by the open event on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and decide what goals to concentrate on in Nailsworth

**7. Promotion of the PPG.**

- a. Flu clinics. There were specific child clinic days during half term also a Saturday morning. There was also the option of individual appointments. The local pharmacy also offered free flu jabs to eligible people. There was no specific input from the PPG during the clinics
- b. Suzi Colley has made contact with Gloucestershire Telecare which aims to help people stay independent in their own home. They offer free assessments and can provide possible aids to track vulnerable people ref. falls or failure to take medicine. Leaflet available from the surgery.

**8. Nailsworth Children's centre.** Update. The county council's plan to reduce the number of children's centres was carried out and Hill Valley and Vale (current provider in Nailsworth) are tendering for the reconfigured services. We are waiting to hear if they have been successful. There is strong support from all areas for the service already in place to be retained but it would have to be under grant funding by the Town council. There is no GCC funding available after April 2017 for individual drop in groups which are currently in place. Marilyn agreed to write to the Town Council in support of future funding by NTC in time for their next council meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> See appendix 1 for correspondence between PPG and HVV in August 2016

**9. Feedback from PPG cluster** Feedback from cluster meeting 10<sup>th</sup> November

- a. Main item on the agenda was the Sustainability and Transformation plan (STP) which was published that day and can be viewed at <http://www.gloucestershireccg.nhs.uk/gloucestershire-stp/>. The short guide is available in GP practices and pharmacies from last week. We have the opportunity to respond as a PPG or as individuals
- b. The Stroud Youth Council was in attendance and the young person was an Isabelle Llewellyn who lives locally and is a patient at Prices Mill. The Forum has the aspiration to link with local surgeries. If they attended a meeting they would be supported by an outreach worker. The timings of our meetings might not be conducive to under-18s attending. The PPG agreed that Marilyn Miles should make contact with Isabelle

**10. Any other business**

- a. **Carers:** The surgery is looking at how to identify carers and also looking at what they can do to help. There is a Carers Gloucestershire Website. There is a Carers Group held at the Mortimer Rooms on the 1st Wednesday in the month 2.30 – 4.00. This is led by Jo Limbrick, a volunteer with Carers Gloucestershire... There is also Young Carers Gloucestershire which offers support to young people
- b. **Community Defibrillator (cPAD).** There is the possibility of the town being offered some of these free from the British Heart Foundation. It was agreed there are several areas of population within Nailsworth and district who would benefit from having one available. Marilyn to write to Clerk of Town Council to state the support of PPG and Doctors and staff of Prices Mill surgery for application to be made to British Heart Foundation that our area to be considered.

**11. Dates of next meeting:** We agreed at the last meeting to have 3 a year.  
Suggested months – March, July and November  
Proposed date: **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. 12.30 – 2.00pm**

Marilyn Miles and Sally Millett  
Chair and Secretary. Prices Mill PPG. 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Appendix 1

Email from Sarah Birch, Manager HVV children's services to Marilyn Miles and Cllr Angela Norman 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016

Thank you for your email and for the work you are all doing in securing funding to ensure that the work of Nailsworth Children's Centre continues post- April 2017. We really appreciate all the support which Nailsworth Town Council have given and continue to give to us and to our drop-in groups.

As you point out, we are in uncertain times and Hill Valley & Vale's future as far as family support is concerned, really depends on our ability to win the Targeted Support contract for Stroud and the Forest of Dean. Of course, we'd prefer to continue to run the family support services in Nailsworth, which will need to be for children aged 0-11 under the new contract, but we may not be in a position to do so.

It is wonderful news for families in Nailsworth that the Town Council are prepared to consider funding family support services in the future, and I wonder whether any funding that is agreed can be put aside pending the award of the targeted support contract, which will probably be in late November/December 2016?

I'm afraid that Gloucestershire County Council won't re-consider the decision to de-designate and close Nailsworth Children's Centre, as this is part of a much wider decision to de-designate all of the 30 Children's Centres not destined to become Children & Family Centre hubs – this is what was consulted on earlier in the year, and their proposals have been carried.

However, if there is adequate funding available to run the services you would like in Nailsworth and we are still in a position to do so, there is nothing to prevent NTC from commissioning HVV to run the services which you would like us to run in Nailsworth/Forest Green and for us to do this in addition to what is being asked of us by GCC – adequate funding – and therefore capacity - is always the issue, and we would have to keep any funding from yourselves entirely separate from our GCC contract, which we are able to do.

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