**Friarwood Surgery P.P.G. Meeting 22nd March 2016**

**Present:** Kevin Duggan - (Practice Manager), Dr David Kirby (G.P). John Nye (Chair) Betty Briddon, Sonia Atkin, Ian Thompson

**Apologies:** Ian & Barbara Brown, Ann Jones

1. **Introduction –** Chair thanked all for attending and noted apologies.
2. **Minutes of last meeting** – Last month’s minutes were approved
3. **Personal Health Budgets** –Unfortunately the guest speaker (Jenny Heely) could not make the meeting so this item will be moved to another PPG meeting.
4. **Practice Updates –** KD updated the group that the surgery was advertising for a new salaried GP and were hopefully of a new GP starting in July 16. KD also informed the group that the practice had employed two new administration apprentices (Molly Wallis & Leanne Hinchcliffe). Both would be given 12 months of training with the practice and would be attaining qualifications via the government backed apprenticeship scheme that would help them make their new skills transferable to any admin job. KD also reminded the group that the prescription ordering telephone line would stop on the 4th April 16. As previously discussed patients have been informed of this final action over the last 3 months, giving them time to make different arrangements to order their prescriptions. The change was made because of concerns over the clinical safety for patients verbally asking for drugs and getting things wrong.
5. **AOB –** JN commented to the group that he had heard that there was a possible merger between some central Wakefield practices in (Almshouse & Grove) KD commented that they shared the same building so this could be a possibility, also Orchard Croft was mentioned but KD commented that this could be new federations forming? KD did mergers were becoming more prevalent with the latest being Queens St in Normanton being taken over by Ferrybridge (who also own Park View in Normanton). JN asked if we were going to produce a Summer Newsletter and asked IT to help with this, KD said he would send IT some information to start the newsletter off. JN also mentioned personal health budgets and said they were no longer funded by the council??

1. Meeting was closed at 8pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 26th April 2016.