**Friarwood Surgery P.P.G. Meeting 23rd February 2016**

**Present:** Kevin Duggan - (Practice Manager), Dr David Kirby (G.P). John Nye (Chair) Betty Briddon, Jeff Allinson, Ann Jones, Ann Hill, Barbara Brown, Ian Brown, Janet Hardisty, Sonia Atkin, Nicola Esmond (Healthwatch)

**Apologies:** Ian Thompson

1. **Introduction –** Chair thanked all for attending and noted apologies.
2. **Minutes of last meeting** – No issues with last month’s minutes
3. **Healthwatch** – NE told the group that the organisation has grown since 2013 and will be a charitable independent company from 1/4/16 and has a contract with the Wakefield council. They have bases in central Wakefield as well as the citizens advice centre at Kings St in Wakefield (2.5 days a week). They also have a section of healthwatch which is dedicated to younger people and have produced a report based on the views of the young people of Wakefield district. KD commented that Friarwood had contributed to the report. JA asked about funding which NE commented that they had received consistent funding with no cuts at all since they started. NE also commented that they currently had a contract for 3yrs with the option to extend for a further 2 yrs. NE stated that they were now aligned to the CQC under the banner of Healthwatch England but she did comment that they had locally driven policy. JA asked how many patients they have on their board, NE replied they currently have 8 but were looking for more to join if anybody was interested. NE went on to explain they could choose any local issues and to generate their own income. She also said they had a number of statutory duties especially around engagement. JA asked about the ‘connecting care’ agenda to which NE commented that it was too soon to comment on the success of it yet. IB asked what can GP surgeries do to help, NE replied to liaise with her as much as possible ans she asked if any of our GPs would be willing to be interviewed, KD will look into this request. NE went on to discuss other involvements such as the Urgent Care & Care Home Vanguards.

1. **Practice Updates –** KD updated the group of the surgery’s involvement in forming a ‘federation’ with other practices in the local area. The federation will have its first board meeting on the 8th March. IB asked in the board directors could come along to a PPG meeting to tell them what they were working on behalf of local patients, KD responded by saying this probably could be arranged but to give them a chance (i.e. at least 6 months to get established) . KD announced that he had been elected as one of the 7 board directors so would be representing Friarwood in any future developments. IB asked if the federation had any non-executive directors, KD replied not at the moment but this would be discussed for the future.
2. **Health Budgets –** JN discussed the patients being able to buy their own care packages and asked the group if any of them would be willing to complete a survey for their views on this.
3. **AOB –** JN told the group about visiting another practice to discuss delivering a self-management course and he was amazed how different their PPG was to ours. He also commented that we were lucky to have such a good group who wanted to help patients. DK thanked JN for delivering the self-management training to the staff of Friarwood at the February TARGET day. AJ commented that the ‘J’ didn’t work on the self-check in stand, KD to look into this. The group agreed to bring next month’s meeting forward by a week to avoid the Bank holidays.
4. Meeting was closed at 8pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd March 2016.