

BARGOOSE
(Dr Simon P Hughes and Partners)
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER 2019

1. Aims and objectives

The Patient Participation Group serving the Barton and Gooseberry Hill surgeries (BARGOOSE) of the practice of Dr Simon P Hughes and Partners was formally launched at a public meeting at Barton on 12 November 2002. The stated objective was to “assist in the improvement of services provided by the Practice to all the patients and to promote better understanding and communication between patients and the Practice”

2. The Committee

The original constitution prescribed a committee of not less than 7 and not more than 12 members, to be elected at a public meeting each year with the aim of being as fully representative as possible of all age, gender and interest groups. There is no stated age limit or maximum length of service. During the Annual General Meeting of 2011 it was proposed and unanimously agreed (minute 481) that, because of the extending function of the patient group, the limit on the number of members should be increased to 18. Officers are elected from committee members at the first committee meeting after the Annual General Meeting. Individuals with particular skills may be co-opted to the committee by unanimous agreement of members.

3. Committee at 30th September 2019

Gareth Jones (Chairman), Sue O'Neill (Secretary), Richard Browne (Treasurer), Roger Bannister (Newsletter Editor), Ivan Jones, Christina Rathbone, Brian Finney, Paul Rich, Susan Turner, Alice Fish, Sheila Mason, Carol Bond, Rita Winters

4. Remuneration

The Committee are volunteers and receive no payment for their services to the Patient Group.

5. Organisation

The business of the Group is undertaken jointly by Committee members with the advice and full support of the Practice Manager, other practice staff, and Dr Hughes and the Partners. The contact address for the Group is the Barton Surgery, Hexton Road, Barton.

6. Finance

The year opened with a positive balance of £157.50 and closed with a balance of £87.50. Total expenditure was £70.00 for the NAPP subscription and hall hire. The Practice provided printing, stationery and services free of charge. The Group bank account is with TSB at Barton and yields no interest but attracts no charges. Cheques require any two signatures from the three authorised, these being the Treasurer, Secretary and Chairman.

7. Activities

The Committee met 7 times during the year. An Open Evening was held in the Village Hall, Silsoe in September with displays by several charities and a questions and answers forum. The speaker was Alison Lawrie-Skea Operational Lead, Memory Clinics, Bedfordshire who spoke on Dementia. The Partners, surgery staff, and nearly 100 patients attended.

The series of displays on health topics on the notice-boards at the Barton and Gooseberry Hill surgeries have been maintained, and four newsletters have been published. The advice and views of the patients continues to be sought through the 'Suggestions Boxes' and direct contact with Committee members.

Two committee members have been nominated to serve on the proposed Primary Care Network (PCN) PPG Group to be initiated in 2020.

8. Acknowledgement

The Committee wish to acknowledge the generous support in time and resources of the Partners and Practice staff, and particularly the attendance of doctors and the Practice Manager at committee meetings. We also acknowledge the support of patients in attending the Open Evening and in bringing ideas and questions to the notice of the Committee, those who have written for the Newsletter, and various others who, though not Committee members, have contributed to our work in various ways.