

**Minutes of the PPG Meeting Held at Haughton Thornley Medical Centre,
Thornley Street, Hyde
27 January 2011**

Present:

Bill Burgoine (Chairman)	Margaret Rickson	Patrick Jordan (Practice Manager)
Dr Lisa Gutteridge	Dr Amir Hannan	Christina Howard
Dorothy Burgoine	Alan Yates	Rosemary Urwin
Ingrid Brindle	Mavis Tracey	Angela Lake
Valerie Mohan	Brian Wetherell	Dr Richard Fitton
Georgia Spooner (Time Banking)		

Apologies:

Yvonne Bennett (Secretary), Gill Anderton, Moya Berry and Don Hunter

1. Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting especially new members.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The minutes were agreed as being correct.

3. Time-Banking

Georgia Spooner, Development Officer, spoke of Time Banking in Tameside, particularly in the Newton area of Hyde that enables people to use their skills or talents by providing help or assistance to others in our community for free. Volunteers offer the skills they have and in return receive a credit. For each hour you give, helping someone else, you earn 1 hours worth of credit. You then bank them and can spend them when you need something. It is operating very successfully in Bradley Green and Newton.

Dr Hannan suggested a possibility of having an Award similar to the unsung hero's event in October 2011 for those who earn the most points. He proposed Time Banking could have the first Wednesday of each month at Thornley House for regular meetings either a coffee morning or afternoon so the community could get together. The centre of Hyde is missing a Community Centre

4. 24th June - "Your health data, genomics, and the future"

Dr Richard Fitton together with 2 representatives of Manor House PPG visited our meeting today. Dr Fitton spoke about the meeting to be held at Bradbury House, Glossop 09:00 – 16:30 on 24 June 2011. There will be interesting guest speakers throughout the day, and the Mayor of High Peak will be attending. This promised to be an interesting meeting and some discussion took place with regard to the storage and in particular the length of retention of clinical data. All members of HTMC PPG were cordially invited.

5. LINK Update:

Anyone can visit the LINK web page at www.t3sc.org/link which has all the up-to-date LINK information.

Bill Burgoine explained some of the work they do and how they have the right to 'Enter and View' wards. The first phase of some un-announced visits to Tameside General Hospital has been completed and the report has been presented to the Hospital Authorities and the PCT.

Dr Lisa Gutteridge said that at Tameside Hospital, 10 new middle grade doctor and 9 consultants have recently been appointed providing 24 hour cover. A lot of resources are going into the new A&E.

7. What next?

Dr Lisa Gutteridge suggested a Dermatology (Take Care in the Sun this Summer) presentation. This was agreed to be held on Thursday 19 June 2011 at 18:00 at Thornley House. This was arranged at relatively short notice because it seemed appropriate to get the message over, before the Summer holidays, that damage can be caused by over-exposure to the sun or sun-beds. Dr Gutteridge suggested that young people particularly might benefit from this type of information. In addition another similar meeting could be arranged for September when the whole topic of skin care could be covered and there was the possibility that we might be able to include a beautician, dental care, self esteem – image and weight management topics. Time Banking will also host a stand.

8. AOB

A reminder that 6th June is Heart Week

9. How to Contact the PPG

We have our own page on www.htmc.co.uk website. Go to **Patient Zone** and at the bottom of the page is a box where you can make a comment. You could also write your comments and leave in an envelope, addressed to the PPG Secretary, with the Practice Receptionists either Haughton Vale or Thornley House. Patients from both sites are welcome to attend.

The next meeting is to be held:
Thursday 2 June 2011 at 2.00pm
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