

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

Present:

Bill Burgoine (Chairman)	Yvonne Bennett (Secretary)	Margaret Rickson
Dorothy Burgoine	Christina Howard	Gill Anderson
Margaret Downs	Jean Bullock	Moya Berry
Don Hunter	Dr Amir Hannan	
Megan Harris (Deputy Practice Manager)		

Visitors:

Clarendon House PPG:

Brian Knowles	Brian Summers	Marilyn Hadley
Daniel O'Donoghue (PCT)	Shaun Rowan	

Apologies:

Lisa Gutteridge, Patrick Jordan, Mavis Tracey, Ingrid Brindle, Bill Goldthorp

1. Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting especially our visitors. A special tribute was made to Alan Yates, a long term serving member of the PPG who had recently died. Alan was a wonderful person with a dry sense of humour which was much appreciated by other members. Alan was always available to help with any projects that the PPG were carrying out and will be greatly missed.

Alan first gave a talk about Prostate Cancer in our pre video days. He was asked to give this again so it could be recorded. Alan happily agreed to this. Unfortunately his prostate cancer returned but Alan being Alan he was adamant the talk recording should go-ahead. We came to know of one patient on hearing Alan's first talk who decided to go to his doctor. He was confirmed to have prostate cancer. As far as we know this patient has received treatment and is now enjoying good health. He contacted Alan at a previous meeting to express his thanks.

The PPG and Haughton Thornley Medical Centre would like to express their gratitude to Alan's family for allowing the Video to remain on www.htmc.co.uk website so that others may benefit. (Please go to our website to see this video. Any problems please use the search engine by typing in Prostate cancer)

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The minutes were agreed as being correct.

3. Self-care week 14th – 20th November

Although it was originally agreed that this should be for the full week, practicalities has made for a change of plans. Although we intend to have information available for the full week it was agreed that Thursday 17 November should be a special day. Dr Hannan has agreed to give a talk on self-care. Plans are in hand to contact other members of the NHS and community to participate.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Plans are in hand to incorporate this into Self-care week as every month should be breast cancer awareness. Information is on the PPG notice board and of course this is also available on www.htmc.co.uk

4. Map of Medicine

Daniel O'Donoghue came to talk about the Map of Medicine and how the public could be made more aware. Haughton Thornley Medical Centres are fairly well tuned to the Map of Medicine courtesy of Dr Hannan. (Who has been in surgery and not come out with knowing about it?) Links are provided through the Practice website. PPG member Gill Anderton gave a very personal experience of the valuable use of the Map. Gill kindly gave her permission for a video of her experience of Breast Cancer and how the map could have helped her and saved her 3 years of non-treatment to be put on the htmc website. This was recorded at The Christie NHS Foundation Trust. Several suggestions of further requirements to be included in the Map of Medicine structure were made.

5. Practice Website

It was brought to the attention of the PPG that perhaps the website was too busy and needed refining. One suggestion was that the search engine should be brought to the centre of the page. Dr Hannan has promised to check on the number of hits that the site receives and to which pages for the next meeting. As well as patients, the site is also accessed from people all over the world including the USA, Australia and Russia as well as many others.

6. LINK/Health Watch update

Because of time this item was not discussed but each member was given a copy of the August to October LINK news.

7. NAPP workshop

Secretary Yvonne Bennett has agreed to represent Haughton Thornley PPG at the National Association for Patient Participation workshop in Manchester in October

8. AOB

Don Hunter raised a question concerning the frequency of check-ups for Diabetic patients and was reassured that the frequency was based on the lab results from the previous test.

Omitted from the meeting due to time was the date of the next meeting. Due to holiday arrangements the next meeting agreed by email is to be **Thursday, 8 December 2011 at 2.00 pm.**

9. How to Contact the PPG

We have our own page on the Practice Website www.htmc.co.uk/pages/pv.asp?p=htmc4 (why not include this in your favourites?) At the bottom of the page is a box where you can make a comment. You could also write your comments and leave them in an envelope, addressed to the PPG Secretary, with the Practice Receptionists at either Haughton Vale or Thornley House. Patients from both surgeries are welcome to attend all meetings.

**The next meeting is to be held:
Thursday 8 December 2011 at 2.00pm
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