

Greater Preston Clinical Network joint Patient Participation group

St Margret's Parish Hall

10th April 2019 4-6pm

Thank you to all that attended our first joint Patient Participation Group as a clinical network.

Overview and Purpose

The primary care network is a group of practices working together to develop the needs of its population giving all patients access to the same range of services no matter which GP surgery they are registered at. In the network already we have manager's successfully delivering at scale and GP's that actively want to work with together.

Currently the Greater Preston Clinical Network group is covering a total population of 71 thousand patients across the following 9 sites:

- The Park Medical Practice
- North Preston Medical Group
- Penwortham St Mary's
- Lane Ends Surgery
- Briarwood Medical Centre
- Park View Surgery
- The New Hall Lane Surgery
- Dr R Ali
- Dr Yerra and Dr Chakrabarti

New clinical roles for the future include physician associate, paramedics and clinical pharmacists. These roles will provide support to GPs and help to deal with the national shortages of both GPs and Practice Nurses. Therefore by working as a network we can share these new services and personnel.

Across the network there is a very diverse population, different areas will require different services provided at different volumes. This will be taken into account when looking at the best location to hold each service.

A further aim of the network is to work together with other services such as the local government, social care, volunteers and community services to gain understanding of the needs of all patient groups and encourage engagement from all.

Going forwards there is an opportunity to expand patient knowledge about the new clinical roles including who they are (with a photograph), what services they can provide, look at explaining a 'day in the life of...' or even a meet the clinician day in the future.

Fundraising as a network will start with our first event 'Walk in the Dark' for Rosemere Cancer Foundation on 27.04.19. There are 40 members of staff from across the practices with sponsorship at a practice level.

Going forward we are looking to work with the veterans as our network charity for this year, a suggestion was raised that we could organise knitting poppy's, this could be driven by patients and advertised at each site and then sold for fundraising in November. Other suggestion include sing a long for staff and patients, dance groups, colouring competitions or a raffle.

Patient engagement for the future delivery of services will be essential and members were encouraged to support primary care networks. Thank you again for your participation and if anyone has any suggestions for encouraging patients to attend from all practice then please bring these forward at the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 24th July 2019, 5pm -7pm. St Margret's Parish Hall.