## Silverlock Medical Centre Patient Participation Group Meeting

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2015 6:30pm

## **Meeting Minutes**

Agenda Item	Comments		
Welcome and	Attendees: 6		
Introductions	Chair: Danielle Caswell (PM)		
	Note taker: Katie Roff (Admin)		
Minutes of last	- All future minutes to be posted to attendee's as well		
meeting	as displaying on the PPG notice board		
	- Make future meeting date at the end of each meeting		
	where possible		
	- Meeting in the evenings and at weekends most		
	convenient		
Telephone Triage	- Two patients had personal experience		
	- One patient found the experience positive		
	- Another patient found advice given confusing and		
	questioned how info on TT was displayed in the		
	surgery		
	- Patients said they did not receive SMS explaining		
	service. Agreed to send out several batches of SMS		
	for any future changes in reasonable intervals		
	- Another patient whose husband had used telephone		
	triage said still had to be called in for face to face.		
	Confirmed this is procedure depending on patients		
	presenting complaint		
	Another patient asked if they had to work could they		
	be called before working hours. Explained that not		
	always possible but reception endeavour to		
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	accommodate where possible		
	- Patients suggested reverting back to 'walk-in'		
	sessions. Idea discussed – due to space limitations		
	would not be practical.		
	- Idea suggested that we have 5 or so 'walk-in'		
Freton do d Duimo o me	appointments followed by triage		
Extended Primary	- EPCS opening 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb		
Care Service –	- Scope of service outlined to group by PM		
Bermondsey Spa	- Quick Q&A regarding service		
	Feedback		
	- Patients thought it would be good for working people		
	- Could take strain off of appointments in surgery		
	- Location of EPCS is good		
	- Would be good alternative to a walk-in centre		
Patient Survey	- Overall the group thought survey covered all basis		
	- Suggested around 50 surveys should be sent out		
	- SMS and online surveys would be good to capture		

	feedback from younger patients	
Ideas for change	- Saturday morning clinics would be good for working	
	patients	
	- These should be bookable in advance rather than 'on	
	the day'	
	- Phlebotomy clinics two mornings a week rather than	
	8am-12pm on a Tuesday	
	- Health workshops based at the surgery would be	
	beneficial. Particular interest in a weight management	
	clinic with input from a dietician. This could include a	
	'slimming club' and exercise advice.	
	- A diabetic clinic and asthma talk were also suggested	
	- One patient suggested advertising group workshops	
	in local schools/Tesco/Tenants Hall. However, may	
	attract non-registered patients and be confusing	
Feedback	- All members were happy with the agenda	
	- 4 members found the meeting "Very helpful"	
	- 2 members found the meeting "Helpful"	
	- 50% of members thought it would be useful to have a	
	GP/Nurse attend a future meeting	
AOB	- Possible relocation discussed. Patients would be in	
	support of a move to a larger premises in the area	
	- Patients on a whole said they liked the way they were	
	treated by receptionists, noted an improvement in the	
	service	
	- Liked that there is a patient/receptionist rapport,	
	especially when the admin team know patients names	
	- Patients commented that they are treated with respect	
	by the reception team and can see improvements with	
	reception staff	
	- Patients found the 'book on the day' system	
	rustrating as the phone lines are often quite busy	
	- PM explained that the use of an automated queueing	
	system was looked in to; however the general feeling	
	was that this would not be beneficial for patients.	
	Patients rejected this idea as 'its not very personable'	
	- Another patient suggested scraping patients being	
	able to book at reception as priority to the phones.	
	Once discussed this idea was rejected – good to have	
	two options	
	- Patient's suggestion that we were not tough enough	
	on patients booking appointments for repeat	
	prescriptions. Discussed that as far as we were aware	
	this was not a recurring problem for the practice. This	
	message is reinforced where necessary	

## **Action Points**

Action	Owner
<ul> <li>Saturday morning openings (9am-12am)</li> <li>Raise with GP's and partners</li> <li>What are the options to clinically staff outside of current salaried GP's</li> </ul>	Practice Manager
Phlebotomy Clinics - Potential to have two morning clinics from 8am - Enquiry into Lyn's availability/other options	Practice Manager
Specialist Talks/Workshops - Enquiry into the possibility of specialists giving talks/workshops	Practice Manager
Patient Survey - PM to distribute survey in reception/website/SMS - Collect approx 50 response - Feedback results at next PPG 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	Practice Manager