**KENMORE PATIENTS GROUP MEETING**

 **THURSDAY 6 JULY 2023**

**Present** Andrew Blain, Di McVeigh, Angela Philpott, Tomi Komoly, Peter Davenport, Hazel Robinson. Dr. Scott, Fiona McDermott.

**Apologies** Ann Brown, Fran Watson.

The Group discussed with Dr. Scott our intention to seek new members and it was decided that we would create a poster based on one we had used successfully in the past, designed by Carole Brooks, Nurse Manager, to be displayed in the Waiting Rooms.

We told Dr. Scott that we were pleased about the use of texts to communicate important information to patients and that they were seen as very useful and not too frequent to be ignored by patients.

Dr. Scott advised the Group that that the arrangement for the Clinical Pharmacist to carry out **all** Medication Reviews for patients will not be reinstated and only the reviews for patients who take 10 or more medications are being conducted by them. Those patients taking less medications will be asked to complete a questionnaire to provide up to date medical information and then given an appointment with the Health Care Assistant to take their blood pressure, blood samples for testing and check their weight. If these results are within acceptable limits, no further reviews are needed, if not, the patient will be given an appointment to see a Doctor.

In response to a question about the shortage of medications currently, she said that there were a large number involved and, if the Pharmacy was unable to supply a prescribed medication, patients should contact the Practice, via Online Consulting, to seek an alternative. Dr. Scott also explained that the “Expiry Date” on medication cartons means that patients should not take the pills after the last day of the month stated.

Fiona brought the Group up to date with the Building Project. The Practice has decided not to extend the lift into the basement due to the cost. Funding has not been confirmed for the planned alteration of the Endoscopy Suite to become consultation rooms for Nurses, meaning the Nurses current rooms will be used by Doctors.

 **The next meeting will be at 2pm Thursday 24 August 2023**

**IF YOU HAVE COMMENTS ABOUT THESE MEETINGS OR IDEAS ABOUT OUR ACTIVITIES, PLEASE E-MAIL THE CHAIR AT** **blainra@aol.com** **OR TELEPHONE HIM ON 01625 528866**

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