**RIVERSIDE MEDICAL PRACTICE PPG MEETING 14th May 2019**

**Chair: Mr Dale**

**Attendance: Kim Stoner & 12 Patients**

**NHS England has received 2 pharmacy applications**

Mr Dale explained to the PPG that NHS England had received 2 pharmacy applications for the village of Wouldham which would put the dispensary at risk. Ojo Pharma and Delmergate had applied and there is a 45 days deadline to respond (25th May and 9th June deadline).

He suggested writing a letter from the PPG to NHS England to object to these applications.

Any patients that lives within 1 mile as the crow flies would lose their dispensing rights and would have to attend the Pharmacy for medications.

Points from the group:-

* There is no public transport to Wouldham
* There are lots of elderly patients in the village who are unable to get there.
* To the end of Halling would make it more than 1 mile.
* Possible job losses to Staff.

All members are in agreement to sending a letter. Mr Dale will write and email to all members for any changes or amendments before posting.

**Car Park**

Mr Dale has spoken to Lens at the community centre about using a space for Dr Malladi and one other GP in their car park. This will be discussed with the committee and fed back to us.

**Drug Wastage**

Mr Dale attended a meeting for Medway CCG to discuss drug wastage within the NHS. A Practice in Tydall are trialling a week’s supply of medication instead of 28 days due to patients having side effects and medication being changed to save wastage.

**Dying matters awareness week**

Mr Dale discussed that this week is Dying Matters Week and Medway and Swale residents are being encouraged to talk about their end of life wishes – which means planning your death as far as possible, and thinking about what you want to have achieved during the course of your life and what colours should be worn at your funeral. There are events happening in Medway and Swale and we have brought together ideas from across the country to raise awareness and pass on useful information. Mr Dale will circulate by email.

**Blood tests**

Mr Barnes asked why bloods tests are not able to be taken from the hand here in the surgery. Kim explained that our Healthcare assistant was not experienced in taking bloods this way. We are currently recruiting for a new HCA so this is something to be discussed with Dr Malladi, Kim will pass comments on.

**Wound clinic**

Mr Barnes asked why patients had to attend the wound clinic for dressing’s and removal of stitches. Kim explained that this service was taken from GP Practice years ago and had a central location at the wound clinic with Nurses who specialise in wounds for this service. Kim was informed that not all patients are able to get there being elderly or without transport. Kim suggested there if anyone was having difficulties to access the service to let the staff here know and we would do our best to get them seen.

Next meeting 3 months’ time – date to be confirmed.