

THE UPPER DALES HEALTH WATCH

The Patient Participation Group for the Central Dales GP Practice

Synopsis of the meeting held on June 12th 2017

- Central Dales Practice is using Harrogate & District NHS Foundation Trust's **Infection Prevention Control** guidance booklet to insure compliance. One of the main challenges is the need to replace floor coverings which will cost £3.5K. Any **support from the Community** to help pay for this **would be much appreciated**. The balancing act between prescribing antibiotics and keeping patients out of hospital is a challenge. **Hand hygiene** is the most important message for the public.
- **Broadband speed at Aysgarth Surgery** is slow as communication goes via the Hawes Surgery and back down the dale. E-Referrals are possible from Aysgarth. Both surgeries need their IT systems to be linked.
- Purdah delayed further discussion on the possible closure of A&E and Maternity services at the **Darlington Memorial Hospital**. A meeting with Rishi Sunak MP still has to be arranged. Reeth and Leyburn Practices will be invited to this meeting, as will YAS (Blue Light ambulances).
- The UDHW has helped organise a **revised delivery system for medication** which starts w/c 26th June 2017. Repeat prescriptions in upper Wensleydale, (apart from Bainbridge), need to be with the Aysgarth Surgery by Thursday for delivery the following Monday. Muker and Keld repeat prescriptions from the Central Dales Practice need to be ordered by Wednesday for delivery the following Friday.
- The Central Dales Practice is one of 6 practices piloting a **Prescribing Project** to review medicines being prescribed. The initial focus will be on Sycamore Hall.
- Jane Ritchie has been reappointed as the **Health Engagement (HEN) Representative for Richmondshire** for another 3 year term.
- Wensleydale School has been asked to organise a **focus group of pupils** to discuss **Mental Health issues for young people**.
- **The Health Accommodation Trust (HAT)** charity has set up to raise, hold and spend money on non-medical items for the Step up/Step down rooms across Hambleton, Richmondshire & the Whitby area.

Jane Ritchie

Hon. Secretary