

Minutes of Yell Health Support Group meeting held on 15th September 2005 in Yell Health Centre at 6:30pm

Present: Alexis, Dan, Mark, Rosie and Patricia.

Apologies: Angus, Annette, Johnina and Victor.

Minutes of last meeting held on 17th March were approved apart from the date that read September 04.

Equipment purchased: Mark showed everyone the equipment, which has been purchased since the last meeting. This included an All Weather Blanket and SAM splints (flexible re-useable splints). The pulse oximeter has been repaired and to date no invoice has been received. The portable couch is now in place in Cullivoe. There is still no definite news on the purchase of cutting equipment by the Fire Brigade. Mark will contact them again next week.

Constitution: The draft constitution was approved at this meeting. It will be signed and sent off to the Inland Revenue. The upkeep of the road to the football pitch (one of the reasons a constitution was needed) is on hold for the moment due to the recent plans for a new school.

Planters: Tubs were cut and passed to Angus who then added handles. He then had problems getting Sarah to paint them. Rosie will speak to new temporary art teacher to try and get the planters painted so that we can purchase spring bulbs and compost to get the tubs ready for spring.

Notices: Patricia apologised for not getting the notices made. This will be done as soon as she gets back from holiday.

Funds: Support group has approx £7550.

Equipment to be purchased: After discussion it was agreed to purchase the following items:

Two higher chairs for the waiting room because some patients find it difficult getting in and out of the chairs supplied by the Health Board.

The district nurses have asked if the Support Group could buy special boots for patients with ulcers on their feet. These boots cost £50-60 per pair and would obviously be purchased specifically for each patient. Nurses would assess who would benefit from these boots.

The Health Centre already has a mini spirometer but there are much better ones available now that connect to a computer and give a visual read out which can be shown to the patient. There are approx 100 asthmatics and 30 patients with COAD who would benefit. (COAD is Chronic Obstructive Airways Disease; previously this would have been called chronic bronchitis). This costs in excess of £1000.

Library: The library has been moved to outside the dispensary in the hope that staff will be able to keep better control of the loan of books, etc. Quite a few have not been returned and there are no details of who borrowed the items. Mark will publish a list of missing items in the next newsletter. Alexis suggested having a £5 returnable deposit when an item is given out on loan as a way of ensuring its return. If the item is not returned this will go some way towards replacing it.

The AGM will be held early in the New Year unless there is need for a meeting earlier than that. If anyone wants or needs to call a meeting contact Patricia.