

## **Minutes of a Practice Nurse meeting 18<sup>th</sup> October at Rendezvous Restaurant, Wallasey village.**

15 Practice nurses attended, apologies received from Glenys. The meeting was sponsored very kindly at late notice by Rachel Macnamee from Astra Zeneca.

### **Education Meeting.**

Sue McGuire opened the meeting and introduced Maria Murray who is an integrated healthcare specialist; she is willing and able to support us in our jobs. She presented some local figures which prompted a lively discussion about Wirrals emergency admission rate for COPD; we were doing well but according to Carol Heath recent figures are not so good. The figures for emergency asthma admissions are not so good but still good and better than Liverpool. Maria presented the results of several studies focusing on the new SMART system from Astra Zeneca. Sue McGuire advised that NHS Direct are also monitoring patients on the SMART system so if you have at least 2 patients contact Rachel or Maria and they will put you in touch.

### **Business Meeting.**

The AGM will be approximately the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in January. We need some new committee members please- this is your chance to have your say, any ideas to improve the meeting? Sue Gethin, vice chair is stepping down as she retires soon after many years keeping the meetings going; Rose and Becky our excellent meeting organizers are also stepping down, any nominations (with nominees consent) to any committee member please. Pulmonary Rehab, please use this service or we will lose it, new forms again being developed.

Ear Care Study day, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, Egremont Medical centre, Wallasey 9-4.30, only 16 places, contact Carol Heath or Sue Smith 643 5441.

2 more Spirometry study days 24<sup>th</sup> October and advanced 21<sup>st</sup> November contact [SusanMcGuire@nhs.net](mailto:SusanMcGuire@nhs.net)

Prescribers meeting, 8th November 7pm at the Manor, Greasby, Cardiology Dr Davies, all (non-prescribers also) welcome.

Asthma/ COPD workshop Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, the Thistle, Haydock (free), 1-5pm; email [workshops@mgp.ltd.uk](mailto:workshops@mgp.ltd.uk), or online [www.eguidelines.co.uk/workshops/](http://www.eguidelines.co.uk/workshops/),

Practice Nurse, 15 hours needed at Debbie Swift Anderson's practice (opposite Halfway House, Prenton) 608 3475/3414.

Don't forget your subs.

**Next meeting 5<sup>th</sup> December Thornton Hall, Diabetes, Dr Ahmed.**