

Patient Participation Group Meeting 2nd March, 2022.

Attended via Microsoft Teams

Attendees : Peter Jay, David James, Alan Waller, Margaret Toms, Chris Smith, Douglas Butler, Chris Tye, Sarah Storer, Lynne Earthy, Julia Maclean, Dr Peter Hill, Maireed Anderson, Jenny Bradley, Nina Sethi

Apologies : Adrian Osbourne, Howard Foster, Simon Barton, Tony Isaacs

Thanks to TI as Co-Chair who has supported the Chair for the last 11 years and is now standing down as Co-Chair.

Minutes of the Last Meeting – Matters Arising

The minutes of the last meeting held on 19th January, 2022, were discussed. All actions are coming back to today's meeting.

Reports

Practice News

JM had previously circulated the Practice's Annual Report.

Tetbury New Build – This is progressing.

Cirencester New Build – The BDL Group have approached the Practice with a view to restarting negotiations. There is no further news from the RAU site.

Portakabin – This is now in use at Cirencester. There has been a slight reduction in car parking.

Vaccination Programme- Thanks were given to Dr Angus McMyn for all his hard work in leading the Covid Vaccination at Cirencester Hospital. Dr McMyn is stepping down from the role of PCN Clinical Director at the end of March as he has been leading the Primary Care Network for the last 4 years. Over 75s will be due another vaccination in April. The South Cots Practices are meeting next week to discuss how the vaccination programme will take this forward.

Co-Chairs Report

PJ meets regularly with TI. The PPG membership list has increased substantially over the last year and now stands at around 80 members. PJ regularly sends information out to the circulation list.

Due to Covid the PPG hasn't been able to do any in Practice support in the Practice Waiting Rooms, that had previously been planned.

Election of Co-Chairs

TI will be standing down. Chris Smith has been nominated and seconded as Co-Chair. CS explained a little about himself.

PJ is prepared to stand again.

Both PJ and CS were elected to the posts of Co-Chair.

Healthwatch

AW explained about the role of Healthwatch, which is an independent body, funded nationally by the Department of Health. He recommended the Healthwatch website. There is an opportunity for volunteers to check out health documents. There is a report about to be published on post Covid support.

Although they don't deal with complaints, they will sign post.

NS offered help with translating documents.

Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference were listed at the end of the Agenda.

It has not been possible to do a PPG Survey in the last couple of years due to the Covid Pandemic. Results from the National Patient Survey have been good.

The PPG is not a fundraising body.

Health Event Tuesday 14th June

This is an event that the Council have arranged in the Market Place in Cirencester in June. The Cirencester PPGs have been given 14th June to organise. The aims and objectives have been circulated with the Agenda. There is a joint committee made up of all the PPGs in Cirencester. There are going to be around 26 stalls representing all aspects of health to provide demonstrations and information about health. The Church will be an alternative venue if the weather is bad. PJ will e-mail separately for volunteers to help with the PPG stall 10.00am – 4.00pm. There will also be a requirement to help to set up 8.00 – 10.00am.

Donations have been collected to help with the expenses.

The Council are not providing any free parking for the event.

Healthwatch will have a presence at the event.

Any Other Business

AW expressed concerns about Chesterton Pharmacy.

Next Meeting – Wednesday May 4th, 2022 at 13.00pm. Face to Face or Online to be reviewed prior to the meeting.