

Patient Participation Group Meeting 17th April, 2024.

Attended via Microsoft Teams

Attendees : Chris Smith, Peter Jay, Julia Maclean, Peter Hill, Emma McMyn, Margaret Toms, Nicola Shepley, Sarah Storer, Anna Lockhart, Richard Moon, Joe Stokvis, Lynne Earthy, Tatyana Cheung, Tony Fleming, Sindy Foster

Apologies : Mary Sheppard, Douglas Butler, Mairead Anderson, David Pearson, Anne Osborne, Tom O'Brien, Chris Tetley, Jill McNaught-Davis

Chris welcomed any new members and first-time attendees.

Minutes of the last Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the last meeting on Wednesday 10th January 2024 were reviewed. Anna Lockhart commented on the Cirencester new premises and offered professional support.

Practice Report

Dr James Woodward left the Practice for pastures new in March. He has been replaced by Dr Alex Alimo, who has taken on his patient list.

The Practice has also appointed another Partner, Dr Hannah Leach who started on 8th April. She is currently providing maternity cover for Dr Alex Dudley-Cooke plus some additional appointment capacity. Peter Jay commented that he had met her and was very impressed.

The Practice is just about to start the Spring Covid Vaccination Campaign. Eligible patients are those aged 75 and over, Care Home patients and vulnerable patients with certain immunosuppressed health conditions. Chris Smith commented on the list of eligible patients and those that were eligible for antiviral drugs, if they get Covid, where the eligibility criteria differed, and the relative costs involved of a Covid vaccination and anti-viral treatments.

Tetbury Premises – Legal work between the Practice, Developers and the Council is moving forward.

Cirencester Premises – Currently looking for land for a new building. The ICB have confirmed money is tight and their preference is for Phoenix Health Group to go into one building with Cirencester Health Group. There are a couple of sites being considered. Discussed the importance of infrastructure to support any new development.

JM confirmed that the Practice have appointed a replacement, Claire Farragher, for when she retires in the Summer. Claire has Practice Management experience and there will be a hand over of a couple of months.

PPG Co-Chair's Report

Cotswold Constituency Governor Election – Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Trust

Douglas Butler has been elected to represent the Cotswold as a Governor of the Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Trust. The PPG sent him the Groups congratulations and will ask him to feedback at future meetings.

NHS Gloucestershire - Primary Care Strategy Reference Group

There have been a further two meetings of the Primary Care Strategy Reference Group and a PPG Network meeting in Gloucester since the PPG last met. These covered digital, premises, finance, data and business intelligence. The main ICB Reference Group is drafting the Plan which the Primary Care Reference Group feed in to.

PPG Survey of Members of the Practice

This has recently been carried out using a Microsoft form across the PPG membership, 18% of whom responded. The results have been circulated to the Practice and the PPG members. Virtually everyone who responded had a Smartphone, so had access to online functionality. There was strong interest in an IT resource (IT Box) to give details of forthcoming developments. JM confirmed there were some really useful suggestions for improved wording that will be included when the new website is implemented in the next couple of weeks.

IT & Digital Systems – Patient Awareness and Usage – Progress to Date

The Group has recently formed, and their first activity was to undertake the survey. The first meeting has been held and the Terms of Reference set up. The Group members are Chris Smith, Douglas Butler, Chris Tetley, Simon Barton, and Richard Moon. Dr Freddie Charrington will represent the Practice. Further membership is also be desired and a request will go out with the minutes. The remit is to look at the digital solutions that the Practice has and what is produced by the NHS, use of IT, what training is available etc. The meeting minutes will be available on request by PPG members. Richard Moon is working on a list of the Digital services that are available. The next meeting is on 14th May.

Any Other Business

An informal get together was suggested at the last meeting – Chris Smith is looking into using Cirencester Hospital as a venue.

AGM – This will be the next meeting. Chris Smith and Peter Jay are happy to continue as Co-Chairs. Any other candidates will need a nominator and seconder.

Anna Lockhart – Raised the issue of a referral to a Physio. Lynne Earthy volunteers at the Physio Reception and explained the process. Lynne will feedback to the Physio team. Peter Jay commented on the ability to self-refer to the Physios.

Covid Vacs – If you are not eligible for an NHS Covid vaccination you can arrange for a private vaccination. It was thought that Boots offer this service.

Next Meeting (AGM) – Wednesday 3rd July, 2024 at 13.00pm