

## **DUKINFIELD MEDICAL PRACTICE - PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 6.30 pm at DMP, Concord Way, Dukinfield**

**Present:** Ann Wright, Bhikhubhai Mistry, Brian Malpas, Colin Hearnshaw, Chris Eckersall, Geoff Hill, Gillian Eckersall, Judith Hearnshaw, Julie Pregnall, Keith Haresceugh, Laura Oldham, Marion Higgins, Marjorie Mellor, Roger Acheson, Sheila Frith, Sue Hough.

**Apologies for absence:** Amritlal Mistry, Ben Wragge, Christine Chesham, Diane O'Brien, Gillian Hague, Joyce Jones, Kathryn Ratcliffe, Susan Allen, Tracey Haresceugh.

#### **Minutes of the last meeting:**

Approved as a correct record.

#### **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

- Information booklet outlining the role and responsibility of the PPG. Geoff offered to put a draft together.

#### **Action: Geoff**

- Newsletter: More copies for handing out were required and Geoff said that he and Brian would get them prepared. It was suggested that they could be available on the website, but it was explained that this presents difficulties. It may be possible in future, but as this particular issue was lengthy it was not practical. Brian reminded the meeting that he would like items for the next newsletter. Please send your ideas to the Secretary by emailing them to [dukppg@gmail.com](mailto:dukppg@gmail.com)

**Action: Sheila** to send a list of significant dates.

- Sarah Berne, Health Champions co-ordinator has offered to meet up. It was thought most useful to defer this until the PPG programme is more defined.
- It was suggested that a small group from the PPG could visit the surgery at Thornton Cleveleys to look at best practice and how they have developed a mechanism of "listening to the patient". It was agreed to contact them. Volunteers to make up the party were: Marion, Geoff, Sheila and Laura.

**Action: Geoff**

#### **Presentation:**

Julie opened her presentation by giving the meeting the latest information on the Corona virus.

She presented information on how General Practice fits into the wider NHS organisation, income etc. GPs are small businesses contracted to provide a service to the NHS. She explained many of the acronyms currently widely in use. She went on to outline the different levels of service and what this means in terms of income and what can be offered by the practice in terms of enhanced services. There is a "core" service within the GP contract, and others which require different qualified staff, who are then employees of the Practice. She went on to explain that the new contract has provision for increased staffing levels. She also referred to funding levels per patient.

A significant change taking place is the digitisation of historical records, previously held on paper.

Further, developments in commissioning could lead to enhanced services across a group of Practices, e.g. podiatry, physiotherapy etc.

Julie was thanked for a very informative presentation.

## **Bids for Funding**

The closing date for funding was imminent and it is therefore essential that a decision was made on what was a suitable option for a successful application. Suggestions had been put forward and were discussed. However, not all met the criteria. It was agreed that a bid would be put forward for the provision of 2 electric bicycles for clinical staff from the Practice to use. This offers a “greener” option than other transport options; increased staff activity and the cost meets the upper limit of the available funding.