

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

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 3 February 2022 at 6.30 pm at St John's Centre, Dukinfield.**

**1. Present:** Marion Higgins (Chairperson), Geoff Hill (Secretary), Sheila Frith (Asst Secretary), Amrit Mistry (Treasurer), Julie Pregnall (Practice Director), Joan Drummond, Joyce Jones, Ann Wright, Roger Acheson, Brian Malpas, Kath Ratcliffe, Bhikhu Mistry, Dawn Alston, Joan Mycroft, Shama Saleem, Keith Haresceugh.

**2. Apologies:** Chris Eckersall, Gillian Eckersall, Susan Hopkins, Patricia Bradshaw

3. Marion welcomed everyone.

### **4. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting**

These were approved.

### **5. Constitution**

Marion highlighted the main sections of the Constitution and asked everyone if they still felt that the document continued to reflect the aims of the group.

**This was unanimously agreed.**

### **6. Officers' Report**

Marion thanked everyone for their continued support over the last 12 months. She acknowledged that there had been limitations on activities and progress, but still felt that it had been a successful year. The group had continued to meet, holding meetings via Zoom, progressing to face to face meetings at the end of 2021.

She highlighted what she felt were the key achievements:

- the efforts made to compile and deliver newsletters throughout the year.

We continue to expand the distribution and uptake of our newsletter. There have been some really interesting and relevant contributions from DMP clinical team and Geoff does an excellent job as editor and designer. The last newsletter was hand delivered to approximately 500 homes, some 300 copies taken from DMP sites and about 350 views online. Again, Marion wanted to express thanks to those people who spent time getting them into people's hands and homes.

- production and delivery of hampers at Christmas.

Some 50 hampers were distributed to identified people within the patient population. The generosity of local businesses was acknowledged and again the hard work put in by those who shopped for and collected contributions; put the hampers together and then delivered them on a fairly tight schedule. She also wanted to thank Dukinfield Library for allowing us space to make them up. Several cards and thank you notes had been received and she said they were clearly very well received.

She briefly reported progress on the new building. She felt, however, that the biggest success for the group was that despite another very difficult year, the group had continued to meet, function and deliver on its aims. She felt strongly that this was down to the commitment of all those involved and again wanted to thank everyone for that.

Also, Geoff gave thanks to Sheila for all the work she does behind the scenes and felt that she should be given some sort of title in recognition. She was offered the designation of Assistant Secretary which she accepted.

## **7. Election of Officers**

Marion Higgins (Chairperson), Geoff Hill (Secretary) and Amrit Mistry (Treasurer) were all re-elected to their positions as no other nominations were put forward.

## **8. Events Committee members**

Joyce, Kath Ratcliffe, Brian, Ann Wright and Dawn continue to be included in the Core Group. Joan Drummond and Bhikhu volunteered to join the group. Judy and Colin Hearnshaw have left the group due to family commitments

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6:55pm.