

**DUKINFIELD MEDICAL PRACTICE PATIENT NETWORK GROUP
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 1.30 PM AT
CONCORD WAY**

Present: Brian Malpas, Amrit Mistry, Ann Wright, Kath Ratcliffe, Marion Higgins (Chair), Sheila Frith (Secretary), Bhikhu Mistry, Charles Garside, Joyce Jones (Treasurer), Julie Pregnall (Partner)

Apologies: None

1. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes were approved as a correct record, noting that a member's name had been mistakenly noted. There were no matters arising that were not included on the agenda.

2. Treasurer's Report

The general fund balance brought forward is £52.08.

Baby Bundles balance was £546 with costs of wool £300.10 leaving £245.90. Craft balance was £487.50 with costs of £69 leaving balance of £418.50. Total funds are £716.48

For future funding purposes it must be noted that we are ONE Patient Network GROUP and Baby Bundles, Craft and Walking are not Groups but ACTIVITIES. The Allotment/Gardening are PROJECTS. It was acknowledged that the regulations supporting grant applications can be complex.

Joyce reported that she had submitted the Locala funding half year Monitoring form together with pictures of the two activities Baby Bundles and Craft but as yet had no feedback, so hopefully it fits the requirements.

Brian to investigate other funding opportunities.

Action: Brian

3. Update on Volunteers

Five new volunteers had responded to the appeal. There is a process of "induction" with Julie. New projects have been proposed and enquiries are ongoing regarding viability, timing, accommodation etc. Currently our only available space for hosting activities is at the library on Concord Way and as that venue is proving popular for other events some pressure is being felt and availability is limited. Additional enquiries are ongoing.

4. Items for the newsletter

Several suggestions were made on topics including Vaccinations, Foot health, Chair based exercise, Christmas activities, and Collective Action.

5. Christmas activities

Hamper gifts rely on donations from the general public/supermarkets/local business. This year a hand made gift will be included. 13th December was identified as the date for distribution. 10th December BB activity will be cancelled so that the hampers can be made up at the library.

Practice Patient Christmas party is booked for 4th December.

14th January 2025 was selected as the committee lunch date.

6. Any Other Business

Julie explained the background to the Collective Action currently being taken by many GPs to draw attention to the level of funding per patient given to general practice, along with its impact on patients. The triage system will not be affected and will continue as normal but using a “traffic light” system for prioritising. She outlined other areas that will be affected, particularly where GPs are expected to carry out work that has previously been done by hospital staff. There was a wide ranging conversation about the issues.

7. Date of next meeting

5th November 2024 at 1.30 pm to 3 pm at Concord Way.