

New Wokingham Road Surgery Patient Participation Group

Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th November 2021

Present:

Andy Wells-King (AW-K) - Chairman
Judy O'Regan (JO'R)
Sue Honey (SH)
Brenda Metcalf (BM) - Secretary
Mary Twomey (MT) - Treasurer
Noel Twomey (NT)
Jasmin Bushnell (JB)
Laura Dalwood (LD) – Surgery representative
Sheila Dinan (SD) - Surgery representative
Rhona Stainthorp (RS)
Garry Curran (GC)

1. **Apologies: Brian O'Regan**
2. **Minutes of the Meeting:** – held on 24th September 2021 were approved.
3. **Matters Arising:** – Names labels for RS and GC have been ordered.
4. **Treasurer:** MT has registered the account for online banking. £100 has been sent to My Cancer My Choices bringing the total sent to £2200. The four walks since the last meeting have generated £48. There is approximately £175 in the account, including the £100 belonging to the surgery.
5. **Committee Meeting venue** – Placed on agenda in error. Mary and Noel were thanked for holding the meeting.
6. **Health Event:** - AW-K is in discussion with Dr Bishop with regards to booking a Thursday in March or April 2022. Michelle, the diabetic nurse, will hopefully be able to give advice as to what should be discussed/available at the meeting.
7. **Update from PPG Forum:** - Nothing to report.
8. **Flu and Booster jabs:** - See Information from the Practice.
9. **Information from the Practice:** -

New Positions - Sheila has been promoted to Reception Manager and Tina has been promoted to Secretary.

Dot Lucas & Juliet Apau – New Pharmacists who both work for the Primary Care Network (all 4 surgeries) and share their time between the surgeries. Dot speaks to patients regarding; new patient medications, repeat prescriptions, asthma reviews, and many more! She also administers flu jabs! And Juliet looks after all of our hypertension (Blood Pressure) patients amongst many other things.

Flu Vaccines for U65's and over 65's - We are currently waiting for a delivery of some more U65 flu vaccines and these will be used to vaccinate the very vulnerable under 65 patients first. We are advising all other patients to use other outlets such as local pharmacies to get their flu vaccines. Over 65 flu vaccines will continue to be given in the surgery to those who still require while we still have supplies.

Covid vaccines – boosters and third doses - Firstly, thank you so much to Sue Honey, Brenda Metcalf, Noel and Mary Twomey for assisting with our recent covid clinics. Within the last three covid clinics held at the surgery we have vaccinated over 1100 patients with either the booster or 3rd covid vaccination and flu jabs.

Dr Evans and Dr Bishop have both been out vaccinating the housebound patients with covid boosters and flu vaccines.

We haven't got any information on whether we will be able to obtain anymore covid booster vaccines in the near future. So, for now we are advising patients to contact 119 or local Pharmacies to get their boosters. This also now applies to all over 40's since the Government announced that they would all now be eligible.

16-17 yr olds are also now encouraged to get a second covid booster. These will be carried out in high schools.

Covid Passports - We understand that there is a hiccup with the IT linking the patient medical records and the NHS app to show that they have received a covid booster. We are asking patients to allow at least 4 weeks for the NHS app to show this information. (since resolved).

The committee asked if we could be informed of how many patients are registered at the surgery. **Action: LD / SD**

10. **Walking Group:** - AW-K has been in Contact with the surgery's Social Prescriber about the walking group but to his knowledge, nobody has been referred. SH has had an unofficial networking session with him, which was helpful. Numbers of people walking are falling as some participants are not well. People do come for the coffee at the end of the walk, which in itself is good.

AW-K will send details to LD so that she can put a message on social media to encourage new members. **Action: AW-K/LD**

11. **Christmas Party (Sherry & Mince Pie party):** - Cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions.

12. **Any Other Business:** - None

13. **Date of next meeting:** Event Meeting - Wednesday 15th December 2021

Committee Meeting – Friday 14th January 2022