Minutes of PPG Meeting Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Apologies

Malcolm & Norma Worsley

Helen Roberts

Susan Hindle

Minutes of last meeting

The last meeting was based around the Hambleton Surgery closure. JM shared a reply from Ben Wallace, and this was read by the attending PPG members.

YW asked what had been done by the surgery to mitigate the issues for Hambleton patients. JM explained that transport is the only real option we have to help Hambleton patients but given the current Covid 19 pandemic it would be irresponsible of the practice to promote the car volunteer scheme.

IG explained that the new owners have said that they would consider making the property fit for use, if the Practice would commit to having a presence again. But it was also made clear that it would be necessary for the owners to meet with CCG Estates, to discuss and understand fully the work required, so that they could evaluate the costs.

IG then asked if the issue was the CCG not being interested in satellite surgeries at the moment. VS agreed that this was the case as it is not in their current strategy.

MF asked if we needed to go via planning due to all the housing developments in the area. MF shared this link.

https://wyre.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s5088/Appendix%201%20Wyre%20Local%20Plan%20-%20Adoption%20Draft.pdf

PS discussed the infrastructure levy and his presentation text is attached to these minutes. PP also shared the following link on the chat section of Teams during the meeting

https://www.fyldecoastccgs.nhs.uk/?wpfb\_dl=2575&no\_preview=1

Practice Update

JM explained where the practice is up to with the vaccination programme and how successful it had been at OWMC. Attached are the statistics of how many patients have currently been vaccinated and for most cohorts we are at least 90-95%.

IG explained he felt there was confusion for Cohort 5 patients and JM explained why the practice had paused vaccinating this group as per NHS England guidance. It appears the letter that patients in this group are receiving is quite misleading. JM explained if any 65-69-year olds contact us and we have vaccines we would be able to make them appointments even though Government guidance is for them to use mass sites.

Please see the attached Q&A sheet for the answers to the questions raised by the PPG Core Group.

Lancashire Volunteer Partnership

PD a member of the PPG joined the meeting and explained how she became involved in the LVP. She explained she had read about the scheme via an email from the Influence Group and decided this was her way of helping positively during the pandemic. She explained that she took part in 5-6 hours of online learning and that the LVP then provide indemnity and DBS checks. Pauline was then able to look online for sites that needed volunteers.

JM explained how busy the practice was at the start of the Vaccination Programme and still are; and apologised that he had not contacted the PPG re helping. JM explained that the LVP was all organised and it was simply something we didn’t have to then think about. He explained he has a contact with them and that should any PPG members wish to volunteer to get in touch with him and he would pass on the details.

PPG Secretary

The PPG really need their own secretary but as yet no one has volunteered. The Practice have taken the minutes for this meeting but due to increased work load the turn-around may take longer and the practice kindly asked if the PPG could continue to try and find a suitable volunteer to be their PPG Secretary.

AGM

It was agreed that we need to get back to face to face meetings before we can hold an AGM.