

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023

1.	<p><b>ATTENDANCE</b></p> <p><b>Apologies:</b>, Bruce Battams, Jacqui Coleman, Bob &amp; Vanda Gould, Jan Lloyd, Clive Robinson, Sarah Setterfield, Elspeth Woods</p> <p><b>Present:</b> Steve Bates, Christine Cartwright, Jane Hanlon, Gordon &amp; Angela Lovell, Shona Manson, John Neale, Mark Pitman, Fay Read, Judith Westall,</p>	
2.	<p>Speaker: Jayne Clent from the charity Ride High based in Loughton at the Equestrian Centre gave a very informative talk on the charity's work with vulnerable and troubled children in the area, building confidence through working with the horses and directed projects.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Notes from Meeting</u></p> <p>i) The PPG has donated £500 to the surgery towards a new Doppler test machine. The new equipment provides a quicker and more accurate reading, saving time for patients and staff.</p> <p>ii) There was no GPs report, but the surgery is planning for the next round of Covid vaccinations for care homes, 75+ and immuno-suppressed patients. These will be delivered by the end of June.</p> <p>iii) The Chair raised discussion on the future of the PPG. Activity has slowed during and following the pandemic and whilst there was uncertainty over the future with potential new premises and the opportunities that might have provided.</p> <p>The NAPP Conference didn't produce anything towards the future direction of PPGs as might have been hoped.</p> <p>The Data Protection legislation also makes it difficult for us to widely contact our patient community.</p> <p>Several suggestions were put forward for future speakers.</p> <p>Suggestions were to seek volunteers to run a new walking group. The Whaddon Walkers are now full so a new group would be welcomed.</p> <p>One suggestion was that PPG members could volunteer</p>	<p><b>ACTIONS</b></p> <p>i) Proposal is to compile and circulate a questionnaire. Steve will produce an initial draft for sense checking and discussion at next meeting.</p>

	<p>at the new POD in reception, assisting patients in using the equipment and discussing the work of the PPG.</p> <p>PPG Awareness week is upon us again and this would be a good opportunity to start.</p> <p>iv) Meeting confirmed that we are to try to have a speaker every month excepting May for the AGM and December for Christmas party.</p>	<p>ii) Consider flyers for PPG Awareness week and a website update. – Sarah?</p> <p>iii) Jan to advise of any gaps in the schedule.</p>
	<p><b>Next meeting – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 @ 6.30pm in Surgery followed by the AGM.</b></p>	<p>Thanks to Shona for notes for this Minute in the absence of the Secretary.</p>

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