

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9th October 2023

1.	<p>ATTENDANCE</p> <p>Apologies: Jane Hanlon, Sarah Setterfield, Bruce Battams, Bob & Vanda Gould, Sheila Dale, Jan Lloyd, Jacqui Coleman, Judith Westell, Clive Robinson</p> <p>Present: Steve Bates, Shona Manson, Christine Cartwright, John Neale, Mark Pitman, Fay Read, Gordon & Angela Lovell, Hilary King, Sandra Whitefoot, Mark Wilson, Elspeth Woods, Dr Omar,</p>
2.	<p>Speaker: Ali Jaffer – Crown Pharmacist</p> <p>Ali started his presentation with a quiz to get us warmed up, this was a most informative session about the background to the development of pharmacy as part of the NHS offer from 1950s onwards and how it developed into the specialist hospital pharmacy. Other specialist pharmacy functions were introduced with Ali taking us through his own journey with some anecdotes that will live long in the memory. A four-year masters degree followed by a 1 year qualifying programme with mandatory annual CPD training makes this a highly qualified profession.</p> <p>Ali has a particular interest in chest/Respiratory medicine and is starting training to become a prescriber in this area in January 2024.</p> <p>The CROWN role is to support patients and GPs by reviewing medication. What are they and why are they prescribed and are they still relevant – as many patients remain long term on drugs that may no longer be the best option for them.</p> <p>There are national prescription protocols and part of Ali’s role is to ensure these are adhered to. Errors do happen, especially in retail outlets and it is important to take forward the learning if this happens.</p> <p>Referral to Ali for a review is via reception. We finished our session with a round up and testing of what we had learned. Steve thanked Ali for his very entertaining and informative talk, and probably a queue to book reviews. Ali is to forward his slides to Elspeth for circulation.</p>
3.	<p>Suggestions for speakers to add to the 2024 list to be forwarded to Jan Lloyd</p>
4.	<p>Minutes for September meeting approved.</p>

<p>5.</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raffle on 2nd Flu clinic raised £99. Thaks to all concerned, particularly Vanda Gould for creating the hamper at short notice. 2. Christine updated us on options for card payment machine and it seems Sum Up would offer us the best functionality. 3. Mark Pitman and Elspeth offered to review GDPR policy re data management. 4. Letter sent to Michael Bracey from PPG – Dr Omar would like a copy sent to him. 5. IPSOS-MORI are conducting their annual surveys of GP practices in England and Wales. Anyone can access www.gp-patient.co.uk/survey 6. Volunteers required to sweep up leaves around the car park. Liaise with Clive. <p>Meeting ended</p>	<p>ACTIONS</p> <p>To be confirmed at next meeting.</p> <p>To be carried forward to 2024. Need to involve Jane Hanlon before we can carry this out.</p> <p>Steve to send letter to Dr Omar and to be circulated to the PPG Meeting Group</p>
<p>Next full PPG meeting – Monday 13th November 23 @ 6.15pm for 6.30pm start</p>		

Elspeth Woods
Secretary to Red House PPG