

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8th July 2024

1.	<p>ATTENDANCE</p> <p>Apologies: Christine, Jane, Sheila, Fay, Liz, Bob and Vanda, Rosa</p> <p>Present: Mark, Jan, Anne, Mary, Shona, Stuart (+David Ennis), Sarah, Steve, John, Hillary, Judith, Angela and Gordon, Karen, Tania B(+Tania's daughter) , Sandra, Jacqui, Tania, Clive, Dr Fagan</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes for June 2024 approved. (Amended to reflect Jan's apologies)</p>	
3.	<p>Speaker: Lynette Emary from MK Carers gave a very interesting talk about what it means to be a carer and how support can be provided. This is complicated as a carer has to acknowledge the position before support can be discussed. There was a lively discussion around the need to improve communication and signposting for all ages, given that the youngest carer is only 8 years old, with others ranging widely.</p> <p>Karen confirmed that the surgery asks all new patients if they are a carer, and if yes, asks if they want to be referred</p> <p>Lynette left her details and if anyone wants more information, let Karen know.</p> <p>A small token of our appreciation was given to Lynette along with our thanks for a good and informative session.</p>	
4.	<p>Surgery Update:</p> <p>Dr Fagan and Karen gave an update on staff changes, Dr Sewilam will be joining for a year, to complete her GP training. A new practice nurse, Jodie will be starting on the 5th of Aug, working 2 days a week, Monday and Wednesday. Frida now works 3 days per week just specialising on diabetes care. Dr Adio is a new GP starting in September who will be working Tues, Thursday and Friday. Room shortages continue to be a problem for the team.</p> <p>Dr Fagan explained the processes of new drugs coming online, not quick and various routes including NICE, local trials.</p> <p>Dr Fagan also explained how GPs keep up to date through annual appraisals, CPD activities such as reading BMJ and Lancet for up-to-date research.</p> <p>Premises situation still ongoing but no progress to report.</p>	
5.	<p>Covid Vaccinations to re-commence in September, confirmation of profile and dates in August</p> <p>Flu Vaccinations to start in October, date to be confirmed.</p>	<p>Action Point</p> <p>Elsbeth will co-ordinate volunteers for both clinics</p>

6.	Further to discussions in June about walking group, Anne has confirmed that she will ask Ian Graham if he would be happy to pick up running a trial group of walkers.	Anne to report back at August meeting.
7.	Banking for PPG account – Mark and Elspeth have been added to the account and Steve has been removed. Tania has volunteered to help Christine with a view to perhaps taking the role of treasurer on in due course.	
8.	PPG Awareness event dates proposed are 9 th 10 th and 12 th September. Suggested times 8am – 5pm.	Volunteer names to Elspeth. Raffle basket volunteers needed Pre-loved items for sale to be collected and can be stored in surgery.
9.	Picnic at John's. Bring your own picnic and tea/coffee will be provided. Gordon, Mark, Steve, confirmed they would help John set up – others to let John know. Anne and Mary offered to help John co-ordinate the picnic and Elspeth away 5 th August – 20 th August	Names of those intending to attend please, so we can cater for teas etc to Mary/Anne via PPG email
10.	PPG conference. Positive outcomes from those who attended and a desire to work collaboratively for the benefit of wider Bletchley community. Key themes were how PPGs can meet the needs of their surgery stakeholders; how to reach out and improve communications; and how to tap into available funding for some community work.	Elspeth to contact attendees for a further meeting . College not available so alternative venue sought.
11.	Survey, Anne and Steve had good conversation about the survey and Anne hopes to have something in draft for August meeting with the focus on what people want from the PPG.	Anne to circulate draft to Mark in first instance
12.	Reflections from Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark focused on push to attract a wider demographic more representative of our surgery users. 	
	Next PPG meeting – Monday 12th August 24 @ 6.15pm for 6.30pm start	

Elspeth Woods

Secretary to Red House PPG

Future PPG Dates for 2024 (2nd Monday of each month)

8 th January, 2024	12 th February	11 th March	8 th April
13 th May	10 th June	8 th July	12 th August
9 th September	14 th October	11 th November	9 th December