

PPG Meeting 12th December 2023 7.00pm held at Woodley Surgery

Attendance

David, Steve, Chris, Kate, Yasmena, Sheena, John, Leaza, Viny, Maura, Dr Burchardt

Apologies for Absence

Judy, Bill, Amanda

Notes of Meeting 05.09.2023

Notes of the meeting were agreed

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Welcome

Sheena welcomed everyone to the meeting especially new members and Dr Burchardt.

Presentation by Dr Burchardt

Dr Burchardt gave a presentation showing her research proposals and how she intends to proceed. The talk was very informative and interesting. We all felt this would be helpful in earlier diagnoses of some cancers found in infrequent attenders.

Dr Burchardt thanked the PPG for their interest and for the comments on her research proposal.

Sheena thanked Dr Burchardt for giving such an interesting talk and keeping us informed. We wished her well with the research.

Report from Parkside Practice

The Practice was only given a 7 week window in which to vaccinate all eligible patients with the Flu and Covid vaccines. This made for a tight schedule.

Of the 110 house bound patients all except 3 have been contacted and vaccinated. These remaining ones will be vaccinated during the next week. Not all house bound patients wanted the vaccines and some only wanted the Flu one. Some were out shopping when contacted. The Covid vaccine clinics for patients has now ended and the surgery has no more Covid vaccines.

Leaza thanked Sheena, Chris and Kate for assisting at the clinics.

Sheena asked how many patients did not keep their appointments. Leaza said 720 patients or around 10% who booked for a vaccine did not turn up, this was a disappointing number. As all the clinics were fully booked patients who did not come deprived others who could not get an appointment at the clinics.

It is not yet known whether there will be a Spring booster campaign.

Care home residents were vaccinated from 23rd September. All vaccines had to be given by 31st October.

A care coordinator has started and will be fully in post from January helping monitor patients with long term health issues.

David said that he was very impressed with Dr Tyzka (a new Doctor) he had seen recently.

Leaza said the surgery was well staffed at present ahead of the expected winter pressures.

Feedback on Poster Idea

Leaza apologised for not submitting poster ideas to us for discussion due to the pressure of Covid clinics. She will send ideas to us for discussion at the next meeting in February. The poster would show the roles of each clinician.

A.O.B.

Maura asked if the upcoming Doctors strikes would affect the Practice. Leaza said that the striking Doctors were not GPs but Registrars that work in hospitals. Although the Practice does have registrars from time to time they are in addition to the normal workforce of doctors in the Practice. The main disruption for patients would be the cancelling of hospital appointments and delays in being seen at hospitals after referrals from the Practice.

John said the website was impressive. He was able to get an appointment and a quick referral but getting the results from the hospital was another matter. He had to chase the hospital for his results. He spoke to the surgery but was told that he had to do the chasing (GDPR). We all thanked the Practice for all their hard work during the past year.

The meeting closed at 8.12pm

Sheena has provided information about the Repair Cafe for everyone's information

The Repair Cafe is on the international repair cafe site. [Repair Café - Fix Your Broken Items \(repaircafe.org\)](https://www.repaircafe.org)

The first one in Woodley is on Sunday 7th January (it will always be the 1st Sunday of the month) between 2 and 4pm at Christ Church, Crockhamwell Road, Woodley.

A celebration of Christmas was then held with nibbles and soft drinks which the PPG provided. The remainder was put to one side for the staff the next day.

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 6th February 2024 at Woodley Surgery at 7.00pm