

PPG Meeting by Zoom Monday 5th October 2020 at 2pm

Attendance

David, Peter, Helen, Chris, Kate, Yasmena, Judy, Sheena, Marion.

Notes of the previous meeting (1st September 2020 by Zoom)

The notes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Any Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Admin Arrangements

It was agreed to hold a meeting once a month via Zoom for the foreseeable future. The AGM was postponed in June due to the pandemic. The AGM will be held before the ordinary November meeting.

Area Forums

Marion had reported back already on the most recent Area Forum no others have been held.

Flu Clinics

There has been a huge uptake of the flu vaccines. Flu clinics have been held for the over 65's on Saturday 26th September at Woodley and on 3rd October at Green Road. 300 patients were vaccinated at each site on these days.

Vaccines for 100 housebound patients have been reserved and patients attending the surgery for treatment such as dressing changes will be offered the vaccine to save them attending the surgery for a separate vaccine clinic.

50 doses are to be administered at Mulberry House Care Home by Dr Brock and a nurse.

The under 65's with health issues are also being vaccinated but this is a different vaccine to the over 65's one. These clinics are very popular and are being filled within half an hour of appearing on the Web Site. The clinics are dependent on the arrival of the vaccine so a long lead time to book appointments is not possible. Patients will have to keep looking on the Web Site.

The vaccine will be made available for the 50 - 64 age group after November. This would be another 6000 patients to be vaccinated at Parkside.

Sheena said that the take up of vaccine at the pharmacy in Twyford was much more than in previous years. Usually they have 2,000 to date but this year it has been 25,000.

Report From Parkside Practice

It was noted with great sadness that Helen is retiring. The post has already been advertised and Helen hopes to leave in the New Year.

All the PPG members were very sorry to hear this news but wished Helen all their best wishes as she will be sadly missed.

The building work at Green Road has been held up by Covid. Openreach said that the telegraph pole must be relocated and a new extra one installed the other side of the building. The cost for this is prohibitive. Helen said a rethink of the entrance would have to be considered to keep down the cost. Hopefully work will start soon.

Any other relevant business

Sheena registered to attend a TIPS meeting (Time for in patient Services) but she was not allowed to attend the meeting. She was sent a two and a half hour video presentation of the meeting. The meeting focussed on mental health. Apparently Earley has the highest amount of mental health issues in Wokingham Borough. Patients will be referred to Citizens Advice to help relieve the pressure on Doctors. A Mental Health pilot is being trailed at Wilderness Road and Brookside Surgeries.

Judy asked about a new GP who was due to start at Parkside. Unfortunately her house sale and purchase has fallen through so no start date is available.

Kate asked Helen to pass on her thanks for the care the Practice gave her grandson aged 5 when he had a high temperature (Covid test was negative) that lasted for several days. The doctor gave very helpful advice and phoned a few days later to see if he was recovering. Luckily he was much better.

Date of next meeting and AGM

AGM meeting to be held via Zoom 2pm Monday 2nd November 2020
Ordinary meeting to be held following the AGM on 2nd November 2020

The meeting closed 3.05pm.