PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING 19th May 2025 18.30

SHEVINGTON Library.

Item 1. MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Brown chair, Janene Davies secretary, John Godfre treasurer, Elaine Ellams,, Beryl Smith, Joan, Woodock

 Alison Godfrey, Kerry White Stacey Prior.

APPLOGIES:

 Roger Mason, Mike Grimes, Carol Miles, Gemma Lowton

Dave opened the meeting by thanking members for their attendance.

Item 2 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

 Minutes accepted as an accurate account.

Item 3 Matters arising from the last meeting.

Nothing to report

Item 4. Items for discussion.

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Item 5. Surgery

Kerry informed those present that the surgery has a new GP. Dr Johnathan Ward will be joining the practice from the 1st of July 2025. Dr Ward has a particular interest in frailty and is responsible for the setting up of the frailty unit at RAEI. He will be a very welcome addition to the medical team. We look forward to meeting and working alongside him in the very near future.

Kerry further informed the meeting that Dr Winstanley has now reduced his working days at the surgery by dropping Mondays.

Meadow view court: the surgery is now finding that there is much more demand on them from this facility than was initially anticipated. The facility is marketed as an independent living unit. However, for some residents this appears not to be the case.

The surgery has seen demand from Meadow view court increase in the two weeks prior to this PPG meeting. This situation is to be monitored.

Kerry announced to the meeting that from the 1st of October 2025 the surgery will no longer be part of the federation. There will be a split from Wigan central , with the four GP practices of Wigan north forming their own independent alliance. This will allow the four practices to take control of their own services and purchasing power. This will allow for more tailored services for the patient population. Also, this could mean that the surgeries involved could employ their own GPAs.

Dave and Janene attended the PCN PPG meeting earlier in the day prior to this meeting. It was pointed out that there is now some uncertainty as to where our PPG sits within the PCN and if there will be future invites to attend.

Diabetes support group. 12 people attended the last meeting. Alison is going to speak to Becky regarding giving attendees a talk on medications. Kerry supports this action.

The carers group continues to go from strength to strength. The latest initiative being the setting up of a WhatsApp group to allow support and advice amongst members.

The veteran's coffee mornings at the library continue to be well received. There is to be a Saturday morning meeting on the 31st of May as this has been requested by people unable to attend during the week.

Mens's health event.

Janene is in the process of holding a mens health event at Vicarage Lane sports hub on Saturday the 5th of July. Several organisations have accepted invitations to take part. Posters advertising the event are in the process of being printed.

Item 6. Any other business.

Dave was delighted to introduce John Godfrey to the meeting as the new treasurer of the PPG. John comes to us with a wealth of experience.

John now needs a letter of introduction as the new treasurer in order for him to approach the bank to have his details registered.

Janene to organise this.

Prior to John officially taking up his role the books need auditing. Elaine will speak to Jim Maloney in order to ascertain if he is willing to continue in his role as auditor.

It has been decided to continue to bank with Barclay’s for the time being. Currently Barclay’s are not agreeing to the use of a bank card. This means that we have to use cheques. Going forward this could be problematic as many businesses are moving away from this type of payment.

John is hoping to go to online banking. This may lead to the need to change banks.

Elaine shared the exciting news that she had secured a fly past by a veteran aircraft during the village fete. This is a fitting tribute for VE Day and for those who served.

Finally, the day everyone never wanted is drawing near and Gemma will retire from her role as nurse manager at the surgery next week.

Janene put to the group that a gift from the PPG would be appropriate and asked for suggestions. It was decided to purchase a £50 M&S gift voucher, to present to Gemma with our thanks, and to wish her well for the future.

Item 7. There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

The next meeting to be held at Shevington Library 6.30 pm Monday September 8th, 2025. This is to allow members to take their summer break.